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JAN/FEB

GREENWICH LESBIAN AND GAY RIGHTS GROUP

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PREMISES...AGAIN!

Just before Xmas we workers decided we'd had it working at The Bell. Conditions had deteriorated rapidly to the point where our only light source was a desk lamp (although this encouraged a closer working relationship it played havoc with our eyes!). And the loo broke down which meant a trek to the local park for a pee!

We felt it important to move quickly so we could have a fresh start for the New Year.

We are currently working in the Community Affairs Section of LB Greenwich which is on the 8th Floor of Riverside House in Woolwich. You can contact us there by phoning 854 8888 ext 2055.

We're sorry if you've found it difficult to contact us recently but we are doing our best to minimise the hassle (the old number is being transferred by the operator when it is dialled).

We've been to see some premises we like in Bowater Rd, Charlton, which are wheelchair accessible. If Community Affairs get their act together we could be in there by Spring...

IDEAS FROM WORKERS AND THEIR SUPERVISORS

Following discussions about accessibility and accountability, the workers and supervisors have drawn up a set of proposals which we would like to see discussed at the February Open Meeting (Feb. 3rd, Monday, West Greenwich House)

There have been criticisms that the meetings are boring and repetitive and that decisions are taken that people are not consulted about or don't know about.

We want to organise the group so that those of you who want to can be involved in business and decisions, but that these are kept specifically to one meeting, and that we have regular interesting and accessible events of a varied nature ie. videos, live entertainments, talks.

We would like your ideas for possible events, please see the questionnaire enclosed.

WOMEN AT REDS

Women in Reds is a new Women only night and is held at Limes Hall, Limes Grove Lewisham. (opposite Bejam's, Lewisham High Street.

There is a bar open from 8.00 till 11,00pm, and the evening finishes at 12,00.

There is music, occasionally there is live music, benefits for worthy causes, and self defence classes are starting soon.

There is usually no charge for entrance, unless a benefit is being run.

The next night is Wednesday 29th January, from then it operates every 2nd Wednesday.

A QUICK QUIZ... ??????

WHY IS THIS AN INAPPROPRIATE CARTOON FOR THIS NEWSLETTER?

JUMBLE SALE

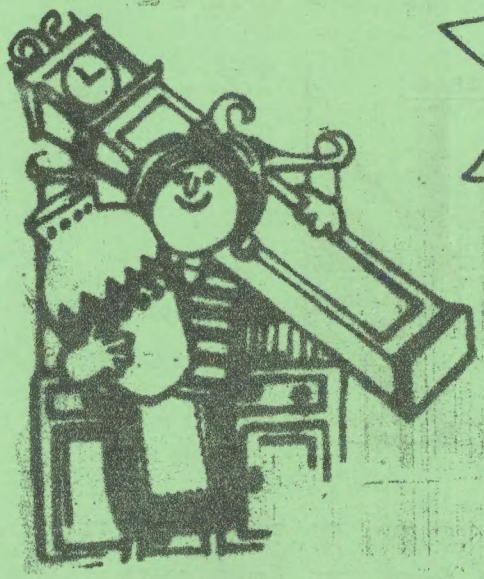
Owing to our serious shortage of money we will be having a jumble sale at 2.30pm on Saturday 1st February at West Greenwich House, Greenwich High Road SE10 (near Greenwich BR).

There are two sorts of help we urgently need:-

1) Please dig out jumble and phone us on 854 8888, extension 2055 to let us know how much you have, whether you can deliver it or if you want us to pick it up.

2) We need lots of volunteers for the day, to be at West Greenwich House from 12.30 to sort jumble and then to flog it!

Obviously the more stuff we get, the more pennies we'll make...



THIS IS AN IMPORTANT PAGE TO READ!!

SELF DEFENCE FOR LESBIANS

Following proposals from David and Gill, Charlton Training Centre have agreed to house and pay for another Self Defence Course.

On the last course run by the Group at Charlton, fewer women than men were involved and only one woman stuck it out.

It has been suggested that many women would prefer a women only course, that the previous instructor was a little too macho for comfort and that a course run on summer evenings when it's light for travelling would be better for women attending.

As a result Charlton will be running a free women only self defence course sometime in the spring. GLGRG are currently involved in finding a woman tutor...and investigating the possibility of providing safe women's transport for those who wish to attend.

Look out in the next newsletter for further news...

GAMES GROUP

Want to meet Sunday afternoons for fun and games, once a month?? Then come along to our games group and play things like Cosmic Encounter, Trivial Pursuits, Cluedo, card games or Twister. First session coming soon at Grazyna and Wendy's in Lewisham. Interested ring 583 5206 to find out more.

ELEANORS

Eleanors Wonens Night at the Goldsmiths Tavern has started up again. The club is open Tuesdays 8.00-I2.00 and the pub is in New Cross Road,SEI4 along from Goldsmiths College.

SELF INSEMINATION GROUP

Please contact Linda Edwards 69I 54I9 for details of this group. No first meeting has been arranged yet until more intrested women come forward.

DYFAH : NON PRIORITY HOMELESS SCHEME

Would any lesbian be willing to take over the running of the scheme for homeless lesbians in Lewisham. The work involves interviewing women who ring up and filling in the DYFAH form for them . You would also have to attend a housing meeting every six weeks at Leegate House, Lee. Maggie has been doing it for the past nine months and can't continue although willing to show new person the ropes, If interested please ring 583 5206 and leave your name and contact number please.

February 3rd Open Meeting

West Greenwich House

Greenwich High Rd SE10

(nr Greenwich BR Time 7.30 wheelchair accessible)

SUBSCRIBE!

NEWSLETTER FEES:

1.00 UNWAGED P.A.

3.00 WAGED P.A.

(If you can't afford to pay, let us know and we'll send yours free) SAE enclosed

Thats All Folks!!!

Newsletter of....

GREENWICH LESBIAN AND GAY RIGHTS GROUP

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GREENWICH LESBIAN & GAY CENTRE!

BENEFIT NIGHT

FEB/MARCH

GREENWICH LESBIAN & GAY CENTRE: AT LAST!

We have finally got premises for our Centre, this is definite as we have signed the lease and have received keys.

We're onthe third floor of 17 Bowater Rd, Westminster Industrial Estate, Charlton.

We have a small office and a large area measuring 42' x 14' which will be divided by a movable partition to allow for flexible usage. Hopefully the work on partitioning will be finished by the end of March.

So things should be rolling by April!

GREENWICH LESBIAN & GAY CENTRE: AT LAST!

There is an exhibition area as well which recently had one on the Gay's The Word case and Lesbian and Gay Publishing which was accompanied by talks/readings by lesbian and gay authors.

Events lined up include: The Second Irish Bookfair which will be celebrating Irish writing and illustration. There will be a reading by Seamus Heaney and poetry/music from Paddy Galvin/Desmond Hogan. (ring 928 0834 for details of dates etc.).

TALKING BOOKS FOR THE HANDICAPPED will be on exhibition from 17th-24th March; BLACK IN BABYLON: 5 Black Women Poet Chant Liberation, an evening of poetry followed by a discussion on the development of Black Women's writing over the last three years, is on 18th March at 6.00pm; PUSHING BACK THE FRONTIERS: Women and Science Fiction is coming soon.

There will be more to follow if The Bookspace is not closed after the demise of the GLC. We can affect this!! Write to support the venture that gives us and others space! Address: Bookspace, Royal Festival Hall, London SE1 8XX.

THE BELL: OPEN AGAIN!

The Bell has reopened as a gay venue. Newly refurbished it is now run by three gay men, Bobby, Jim and Clive. Reports so far suggest that the decor is better and the place fuller (and more gay) t_an before.

Licensed until midnight with supper and entertainment and advertising as 'The only gay pub in Greenwich' it is good news for us all.

In case you have forgotten, or are new to the area, The Bell is in Haddo Street, Greenwich.

DOVER CASTLE TOO!

The Dover Castle is also advertising as a gay venue again. Tony Page is the new manager and there is live entertainment at the weekends (mostly drag).

The Dover Castle is at 8 Deptford Broadway.

GROUP SOCIALS

8.00PM

FEB. 26TH Paddy's: 25 Charlton Rd., SE3

MARCH 19TH David's, 68 Hawke Tower, Nynehead St., SE14.

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NEWSLETTER FEES:

1.00 UNWAGED P.A.

3.00 WAGED P.A.

(if you can't afford to pay, let us know and we'll send yours free)

ELEANORS

The womens night at the Goldsmiths Tavern has re-opened again on Wednesdays from 8pm onwards.

The pub is along from Goldsmiths College in New Cross SE8 on Lewisham Way.

WINTER FAIR

CHE's Winter Fair at County Hall was very enjoyable. There were stalls from various groups/orgaisations, including us. A lot of interest was shown in our work and some new contacts were made.

The last Lesbian and Gay event to be held in County Hall (which apart from being a good venue is also free of charge) it was a sad reminder that the GLC is finishing at the end of March and with it a lot of political and financial support. Hopefully more of the Boroughs will put their weight behind lesbian/gay projects.

LESBIANS & HEALTH

There is a workshop on lesbians and health bieng held at theLewisham Womens Health Day on Saturday March 22nd from IO-I2am.The event is being held at the Civic Suite, Lewisham Town Hall, Catford.

Plans so far are to show a video on lesbians and alchol and have a speaker on this subject, followed by a general discussion

Anyone interested in attending please contact Maggie on 854 8888 ext. Community Affairs.

STOCKPORT

STOP THE LESBIAN AND GAY BAN

NATIONAL DEMO'

Sat 15 March

ASSEMBLE **1·30** pm

VERNON PARK

STOCKPORT

contact:

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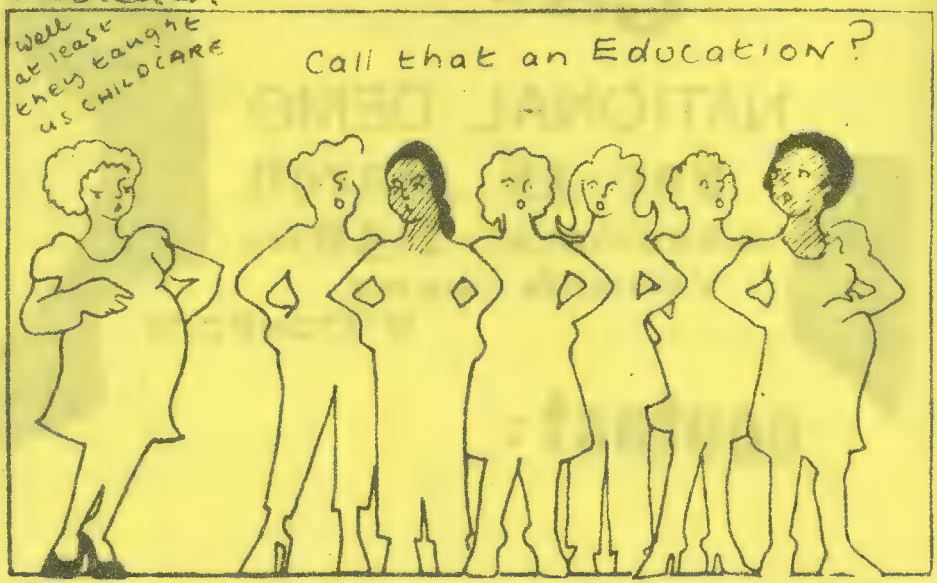

NEW OPEN MEETINGS

At the open meeting in February it was agreed that we should streamline the meetings. From now on the management committee will meet at 6.30 in open session and deal with the business. At 8.30 there will be a proper social with food and entertainment arranged and well publicised beforehand. A six monthly list of events will be produced every three months.

MARCH: 6.30 Open business/managemnet meeting
3rd 8.30 Informal social
At West Greenwich House

APRIL: 6.30 Open business/Management Meeting
4th 8.30 Social- with My Beautiful Laundrette
At West Greenwich House

MAY: As above BUT AT THE CENTRE, I7 BOWATER RD.
2nd Charlton.

EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES CONFERENCE

We have been central to the organisation and planning of this conference. In order for the two days(I4 and I7) to go well we need several lesbians and gay men who are willing to talk and answer questions in small groups during the conference. David has organised a meeting for people who want to do this on MARCH I2th at 2.30 in the Town Hall. There will be a document written by Maggie and David about equal opps. in relation to us and there will also be help and ideas about how we can talk and answer questions. This is a great opportunity for us to influenec what happens in the voluntary sector in Greenwich so please give us a ring if you are interested in taking part.

BOOKSPACE

The Bookspace is a new venture to be found in the Festival Hall. It aims to put the written arts on a par with the others represented on the South Bank. It also aims to stock literature from oppressed communities; hence it stocks a good selection of lesbian and gay material.

WOMEN AT REDS: Women Only bar every Wed.
Live Entertainment first Wed. each month.
Limes Hall, Limes Grove, Lewisham SE13.
12TH MARCH: Against The Law, a one man show performed by Alan Hooker.
Greenwich Young Peoples Theatre, Burrage Rd, Plumstead, SE18.
£2.00/£1.00. Bookings: 854 1316.
MARCH 19TH: Group Social at David's, 68 Hawke Tower, Nynehead St, SE14.
8.00 onwards.

LESBIAN GROUP.

There will be a meeting for any lesbians who live or work in the Borough of Greenwich on Thursday 6th March from 7.30pm onwards at GAGOU, McBean Centre, Woolwich. Lesbian workers from this project will attend and we hope to discuss the Project and hopefully form an autonomous Lesbian Support Group in the Borough.

THAMES POLY-STUDENT UNION LESBIAN & GAY SOC.

Meets every Monday from 6pm in the Old Board room, Thames Poly, Woolwich Site, Thomas Street, Woolwich SE18. All lesbians and gay men welcome to attend.

LESBIAN AND GAY STUDIES COURSE - I986.

Programme so far:

APRIL 7th : Coming Out
I4th: Who are Lesbians and Gay men.
2Ist: Our families
28th; Religion Culture and Sexual Atitudes
MAY 5th : History and Diversity of our Communities.
I2th: Relationships.
I9th: Lesbians,Gay men and children.
26th: Health
JUNE 2nd : The Media
9th : Employment
I6th: Bereavement and Separation
23rd: To be decided.

A full description of what each discussion will cover and possible'spaekers' will be in the next newsletter.
The course will take place at West Greenwich House on Greenwich High Road.
It will be an excellent opportunity to meet with other lesbians and gay men and to talk about ourlives together. See you there.

bounce on a bigot

A campaign member in Wrecsam has alerted us to the fact that the branch of **QUICKSERVE Shoe Repairs** in King St Wrecsam is selling stocks of the sticker "Help stamp out AIDS- Run over a Queer". He has already complained to the headquarters of Quickserve and to the local branch. Please add your weight to this protest; the head office is **"Quickserve Shoe Repairs,"4 Newtown Gardens, Kirkby Liverpool, 051 - 548 - 0411.**

Geoff wrote to local MP's/Greenwich Health Authority/Health Sub C'tee re the above article. He also wrote to Tony Benn who sent the following reply (replies are still to come from the others): "Dear Geoff, Thanks for your letter. I have asked that my name should be added to the list of supporters. I hope that the campaign goes well. Please keep me posted with news. Best wishes, Tony." It was good to get such a warm, and personal, response. If all our members also wrote to Quickserve....

TRIANGLE THEATRE presents...

AGAINST THE LAW

A ONE MAN SHOW PERFORMED BY

ALAN HOOKER

Adapted from Peter Wildeblood's book by John Wood and Alan Hooker

WEDNESDAY 12th MARCH

8.00pm

DIRECTED by JOHN HALSTEAD

AGAINST THE LAW

A NEW ONE MAN SHOW PERFORMED BY ALAN HOOKER.

Set within the context of the witch-hunt of homosexuals in the 1950's, the play focuses on the trial of Peter Wildeblood who was sent to prison in 1954 when it was still a crime to be a homosexual. The trial became known as the 'Montagu Case' because one of the accused men was a peer - Lord Montagu of Beaulieu.

It was a state manoeuvred trial and the wake of public disapproval and condemnation that followed led to the Wolfenden Report of 1957 and the consequent change in the law - 10 years later!

In essentials Peter Wildeblood's case was no different from the hundreds of cases that appeared before the courts every year. Each of them implied the downfall and perhaps ruin of a human being.

Peter Wildeblood's case attracted huge media coverage. Every detail of his personal life was exposed to the vitriol of the police prosecution but he emerged from the witch-hunt with a new dignity. He no longer needed to live the lie that had been a burden to him all his life.

The play lasts approximately 1 hour 10 minutes.

GREENWICH YOUNG PEOPLES THEATRE
BURRAGE ROAD
PLUMSTEAD SE18

TICKETS £2-
STUDENTS/UB40 £1

BOOKINGS PHONE
854 1316

PEPYS LESBIAN & GAY COMMUNITY GROUP

A new lesbian and gay group has set up in Deptford on the Pepys Estate. It aims to bring together lesbians and gay men and women in the area so that we can get to Know our gay neighbours and to develop a com_unity feeling in the area. This will hopefully lead to the establishment of a Lewisham Lesbian and Gay Rights Group similar to that in Greenwich. At the moment we are meeting socially at Co-op Pepys, a community/arts Centre on the estate, every Sunday afternoon from 2pm onwards. All lesbians and gay men who live in the area very welcome. The adress Co-op Pepys, Ground floor, I Daubeney Tower, Bowditch, Pepys Estate, SEI8.

ALL IN A DAY'S WORK

Lesbian Employment Rights has published a report intoanti- lesbian discrimination in employment and un-employment in London. It is available at £2.50 per copy(plus 30p packing and postage)

Write to LER, Room 203, Southbank House, Black Prince Road, London SEI 7SJ. Tel.587 I636

GOLDSMITH'S TAVERN

The Goldsmith's, as it's name suggests, is close to Goldsmith's College, New Cross. Although a mixed venue it is gay managed and offers a 2.00am licence in the disco area.

NOUVEAU QUICHE

Nouveau Quiche opened late '85 in New Cross Road, close to the Goldsmith's. With lovely decor and good vegetarian food, it offers a warm welcome to lesbians and gay men.

Nouveau Quiche are also sponsoring our Benefit Night on 1st March, offering a meal for two with a bottle of wine as one of the Draw prizes.

LIVING FOODS

Living Foods wholefood shop is close to the above two places. Friendly and supportive they too are offering one of our prizes for the Draw - a Hamper of food. Apart from wholefood groceries, they also stock delicious snacks to take away!

DIARY OF EVENTS

FEB. 26TH: Social at Paddy's, 25 Charlton Rd, Blackheath Standard, SE3. 8.00 onwards.
Bus: 53, 54, 75, 108b.

MARCH 3RD: Open Meeting, West Greenwich House, Greenwich High Rd, SE10. 8.00pm
We need to talk about what we want from the new Centre.

MARCH 1ST***BENEFIT***BENEFIT***BENEFIT
FAY PRESTO***INSINUENDOS***BIDDIE***
WEST GREENWICH HOUSE, Greenwich High Rd, SE10.
ALSO:- GRAND DRAW WITH GREAT PRIZES!!!
HAMPER OF WHOLEFOOD DONATED BY LIVING FOODS
MEAL FOR TWO WITH BOTTLE OF WINE, DONATED BY NOUVEAU QUICHE
BOOKS DONATED BY BRILLIANCE BOOKS
PLUS OTHER PRIZES!!!
7.30pm, first act on at 8.00pm.
£2.50 waged, £1.00unwaged.

MARCH 8TH: INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY
Open Day at Charlton House, Charlton SE7.
Day-long events, ring Charlton House for details.

MARCH 9TH: Sweet Honey in the Rock at Albany Empire, Douglas Way, Deptford SE8. Five Black Women from Washington DC singing Gospel/Acupella with politics. Dynamic Performance, not to be missed!!

MARCH 12TH: Carol Grimes/Jan Ponsford & Friends/Lackadaisical/Josephine Cupido(of Guest Stars). Venue: Tramshed, Woolwich.

MARCH 21/22/24:Opportunities for Women Festival. Evening events:-

21st: Compere Sheila Hyde; Asian Women's Dance Group, The Touch.

22nd: Guest Stars plus Sister Culcha.

£1.00 waged/50p unwaged.

Cellar Bar, Thames Polytechnic, Woolwich.

MARCH 26TH: Pink Wrinkie plus Irish Gay Theatre Group at Thames Poly.

MARCH 15TH: STOCKPORT - STOP THE LESBIAN AND GAY BAN! NATIONAL DEMONSTRATION.

Assemble 1.30pm, Vernon Park, Stockport.

REMEMBER RUGBY? IT'S HAPPENED AGAIN IN STOCKPORT.

WON IN RUGBY - WE WILL WIN IN STOCKPORT!

UNTIL 29TH MARCH: One of Us - a play about Anthony Blunt and Guy Burgess. Greenwich Theatre, Crooms Hill, SE10.

MARCH 3rd Open Meeting

West Greenwich House
Greenwich High Rd SE10

(nr Greenwich BR Time 7.30 wheelchair accessible)

'OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOMEN FESTIVAL

This will be an event to focus on the training and employment needs of local women.

The Festival will be held on Friday 2Ist, Saturday 22nd and Monday 24th of March I986.

The events are being held at Thames Poly, Woolwich and it is hoped to have demonstrat tions, exhibitions, and information on manual and technical skills and setting up in buisness or in a co-op. There will also be discussions on various topics and live entertainment on Friday and Saturday evening.

IRISH in Greenwich

Sponsored by

the London Irish Arts Festival

THE IRISH IN GREENWICH PROJECT

AND

LESBIAN AND GAY LINE GREENWICH

PRESENT

PINK RINQUE

and

The Gay Irish Theatre Group

as

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TIME: 8.00pm DATE: Wednesday 26 March 1986

CELLAR BAR, THAMES POLYTECHNIC
THOMAS STREET, WOOLWICH, S.E.10

BUSES: 51,53,54,75,96,99,122,161,177,178,180,198,269

BRITISH RAIL: Woolwich Arsenal

PRICE: £2 Concessions: £1

TICKETS AT THE DOOR ONLY

01 853 - 4199

LESBIAN & GAY LINE GREENWICH

"NEED LOCAL INFORMATION?, or SIMPLY WANT TO CHAT?."

NINE BOB NOTE BENEFIT

FOR GREENWICH LESBIAN AND GAY CENTRE

STARRING

FAY PRESTO

THE INSINUENDOS

BIDDIE WITH CHRIS MARSHALL

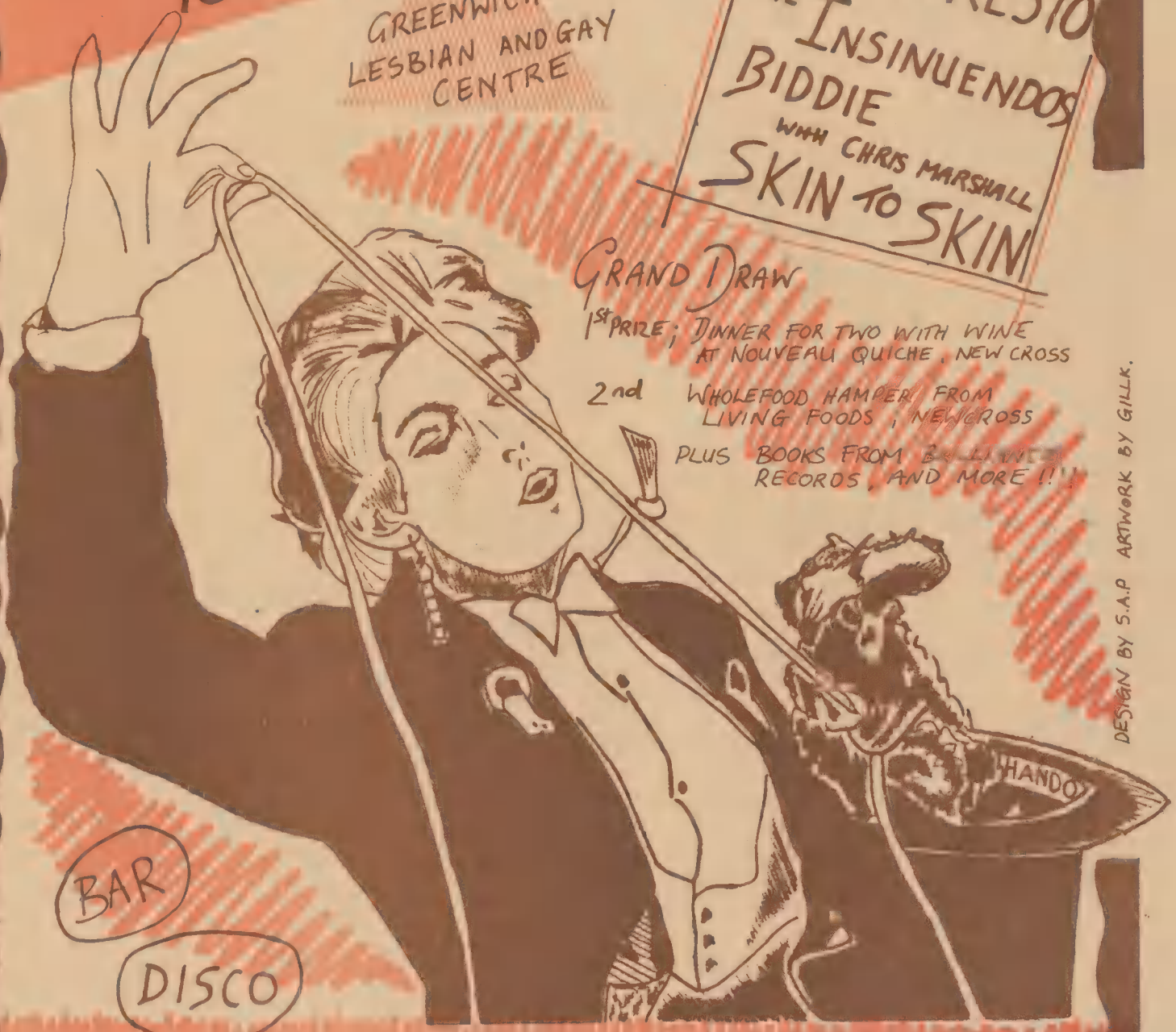
SKIN TO SKIN

GRAND DRAW

1st PRIZE; DINNER FOR TWO WITH WINE AT NOUVEAU QUICHE, NEW CROSS

2nd WHOLEFOOD HAMPER FROM LIVING FOODS, NEWCROSS

PLUS BOOKS FROM [illegible] RECORDS, AND MORE !!!



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BAR

DISCO

SAT 1st MARCH

7·30–MIDNIGHT
FIRST ACT 8pm

west greenwich house
greenwich high road, se10
NEAR GREENWICH BR STATION

£2·50 WAGED
£1- UNWAGED

BUSES; 177, 180, 1, 188, 53, 47, 199 GREENWICH BRITISH RAIL +++

THE NEWSLETTER OF

APRIL/MAY "86"

GREENWICH LESBIAN AND GAY CENTRE

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

LESBIANS AND GAY MEN ON AIR

THURSDAY DROP-INS

WHERE ARE WE

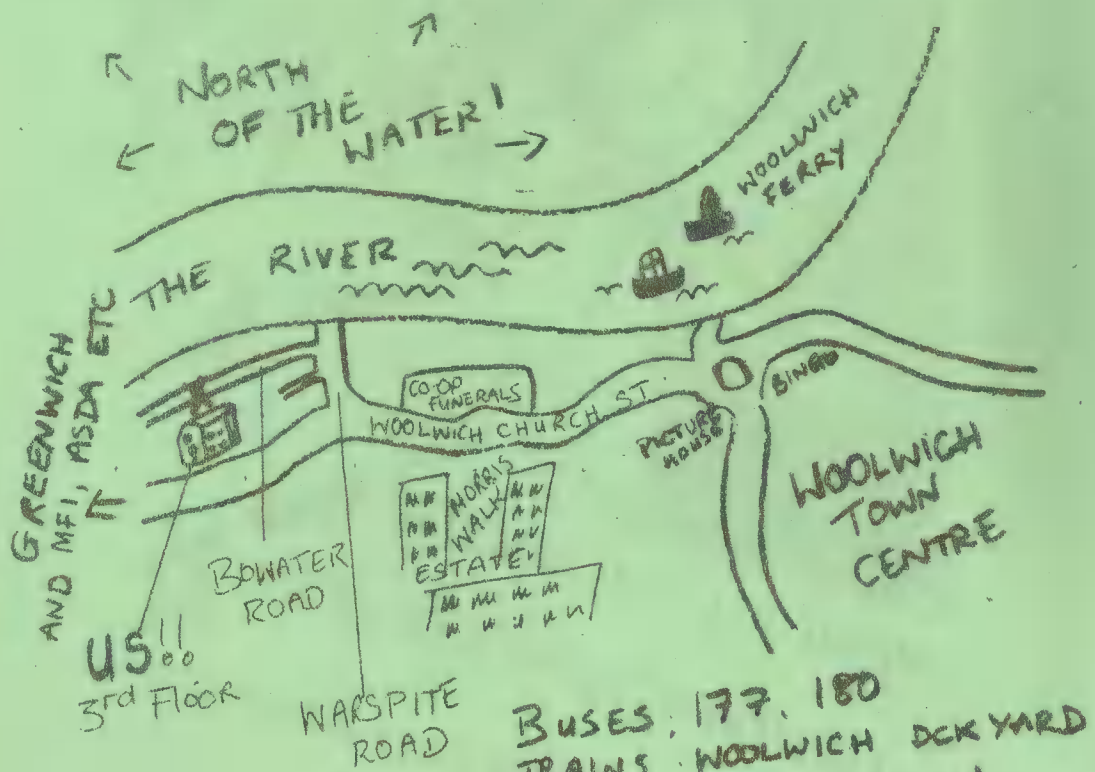
The address of Greenwich Lesbian and Gay Centre is;
3rd floor, 17,Bowater Rd, Westminster Ind. Estate,
Woolwich SE18

PHONE NO; 316-5954.

Although the postal address is Woolwich it,s more like Charlton really.
With these "clues" as to where we are plus the map

you should be able to find us!

- Westminster Ind Estate is opposite Morris Walk Estate and Maryon Park.
- We are very close to the Thames Barrier!
- The nearest bus stop is outside (or opposite) the Co-op Funeral Parlour (177,180).



THURSDAY DROP-INS

The Centre will be open on Thursdays from I.00 till 5.00 starting April 24th.
We will be providing a snack lunch for a small charge.
We have acquired a pool table,darts,cards,board games recordplayer and video. All of which will be available during the afternoon for anyone who wants to use them.

GREENWICH FESTIVAL

As part of the Greenwich Festival we are organising a supperand cabaret at the Centre for Friday 30th May.
We will be cooking a three course vegetarian meal.
The cost will be £3.00 waged and £I.50 unwaged.
Bring your own drink.
TICKETS MUST BE BOUGHT BEFORE THE EVENING IN ORDER TO RESERVE A PLACE SO HURRY NOW WHILST PLACES LAST!
Tickets will be available from the Centre. Orders can be left on the answermachine.

MIXED SOCIAL

We apologize for not having a mixed social this month (April) BUT we have organised one for May. Look at diary for details.

Cancer Research Campaign

GRAND AUCTION

Kidbrooke House Community Centre, Mycenae Road, SE3 on Saturday MAY 24 - viewing from 5 pm, Auction starts 7 pm

We are aiming for Victoriana, interesting old toys, jewellery (real or costume), china, glassware, linens, very small items of furniture, bric-a-brac, interesting mixed lots, etc. Every penny raised will go to Cancer Research, so if you can donate any goods, please ring Marion Wilson as soon as possible on 852 5070.

Do come ...

BAR Available

JOB ADVERT FOR NEW WORKER.

GEOFF HARDY HAS NOW LEFT THE PROJECT AND WE ARE LOOKING FOR ANOTHER WORKER TO REPLACE HIM.

Because of our Anti-Racist / Anti-Sexist policy and as we are a predominately white run and attended project we have decided to appoint a Black/Afro-Carribean/Asian gay man. The job advert is as follows:-

AFRO-CARIBBEAN/ASIAN GAY MAN.

We require an Afro-Caribbean or Asian Gay Male Development Worker to join our existing team of two lesbians and one gay man.
The job involves developing a local centre and work within the wider community.

This is a jobshare with an existing male worker.

Salary Scale 6 (17½ hours weekly)
Approx £5285 (inc London Weighting) plus 10% unsocial hours bonus.

Phone us at the centre for informal chat, job description and application forms
316-5954 - BEWARE- you might get our ansaphone.

G.L.G.C. is trying to be an equal opportunities employer.

This advert is appearing in the following publications;
The Mercury
City Limits Magazine
Time Out Magazine
The Voice
Caribbean Times
Capital Gay
Asian Times

Details of the job have also been sent to lesbian and gay groups, other community groups and the London Lesbian and Gay Centre, Gays The Word Bookshop etc.

LESBIANS AND GAYS ON AIR

Thamesmead Radio is a local radio station broadcasting on the huge estate in the Borough whose population exceeds I00,000 people.
From June the station will have it's own Lesbian and Gay programme with a I/2 hour monthly slot plus a I0 minute weekly update.

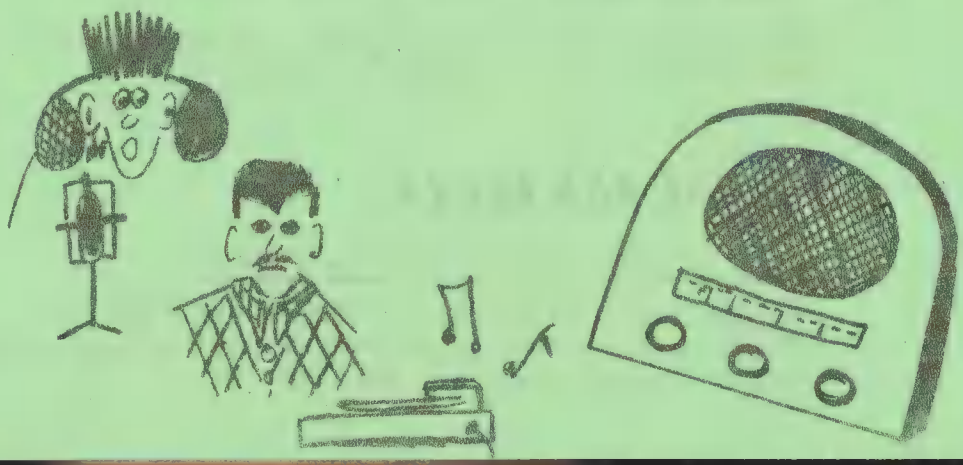
Roz a member of GLGC(that's us) has been made Producer of the programme. This means that she is responsible for the content of the slots
his isn't a job she want's to take on by herself so she's arranged a meeting for anyone interested in getting involved;

meeting at;

THURSDAY 24th APRIL 7pm
Top Flat,
30 Plum Lane,
Plumstead SEI8

If you'd like to talk to Roz about the meeting or you can't go to it but are still interested in getting involved give her a ring on 854-8392.

Don't be put off if you've never had any dealings with radio before, Roz has 4 years experience and is willing to train people in all the technical bit's and help you to put your ideas into practice over the airwaves.



1986 ANNUAL GENERAL

FRIDAY 2ND MAY 1986. ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING G.L.G.C

Adress:- Greenwich Lesbian and Gay Centre,
Third Floor, I7 Bowater Road,
Charlton, S.E.I8 Phone - 316 5954

Transport;- Buses I77, I80 Trains:- Woolwich or Charlton.

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With the Centre on the verge of launching into operattion this will be one of the most important Open Meetings in the Groups history.

The Buisness side of the meeting will start at 6.30 prompt. On the Agenda are:-

I)Looking at the proposed new constitution of the group - how we will operate in the future.

2)A new structure for the Managment Commitee with clearer posts and responsibilities.

3)Election of a new Managment Commitee, you don't need to have had experience to put your name forward for this. The basic essential is a commitment to turn up meetings and take an active interest and part in the running of the group.

4)Any other Buisness.

(At next months Open Meeting a full Treasures Report and Workers report will be submitted following on from the A.G.M.)

THE BUINESSS WILL END AT 9PM AND AT 9.30 THERE WILL BE A PERFORMANCE BY 'OBSCENE & HEARD'.

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OBSCENE AND HEARD

9.30 . Performance by 'Obscene & Heard

These are a highly rated cabaret style show. Three lesbians are in the same bar on the same night for different reasons or are they??

MEETING AND CABARET NIGHT.....

OBSCENE AND HEARD ARE:-

*Rose Collis;- has been a singer-songwriter in her own right currently a worker with Outcast Theatre Co.(née Consenting Adults). She also co-writes the Out IN The City Listings in City Limits Magazine.

*Fi Craig:- has been involved in many Consenting Adults In Public Productions and spin off cabarets. Warm, witty and fun.

*Pip Norton:- is a song writer, keyboard player and sound engineer. As a cabaret performer she is a relatively new comer.

This performance will be their last one so miss them" at your peril. A small charge of 50p waged, 20p unwaged will be charged to offset costs for performers.

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For the night a creche will be provided and two safe transport mini-buses have been laid on for 11.00/11.30pm - which can drop you at a convenient bus stop or station or drop you home. One of these is suitable for wheelchairs as it has a tail lift.

We are on the third floor and there is a good sized lift The toilets don't have great access however, any queries contact us at the Centre for details.

We Have organised A CRÊCHE SO BRING YOUR CHILDREN

CENTRE BENEFIT

About one hundred and twenty people came to the benifit on the night of Saturday March the 1st at West Greenwich House.

Now that all the bills have been paid it's clear that we did'nt actually make any money. However even though we kept costs to a minimum it cost close on to £150 to put on and the good news is we did'nt lose any money. This is in itself an historic occasion and achievment for the group.

I spoke to lots of people on the night and the over whelming feeling about the event was really good. The venue was very popular with the spacious performance hall the quiet separate bar and the grandiose 'Gone With The Wind' staircase that you could stand around on and pret tend you were at the Opera on.

Fay Presto won lots of fans by doing tricks at tables in the bar before the main entertainment began and her chic numerous act and compering went down a treat.

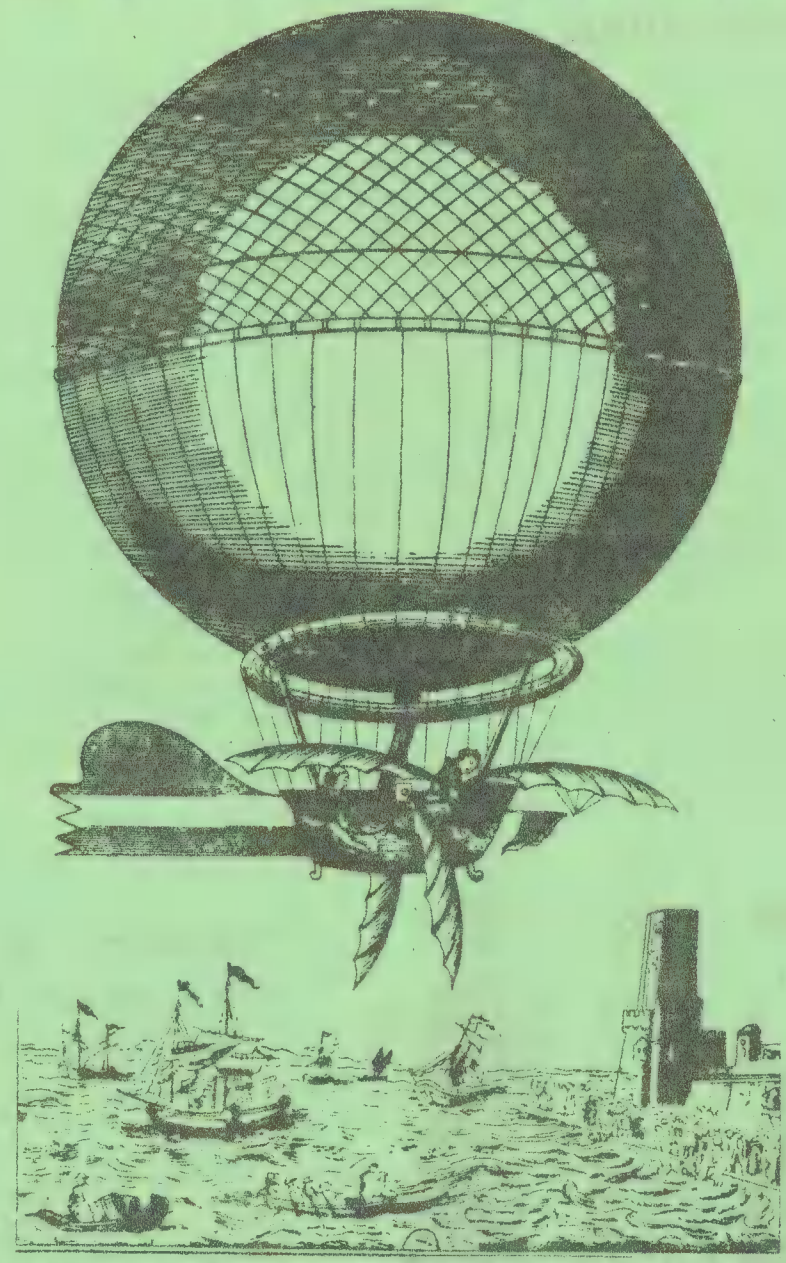
The Insinuend os were popular but Skin To Skin did'nt win too many new fans. Jane and Gus from the band felt there was'nt the right kind of audience for their brand of music.

By far the most popular entertainer of the evening was the enchanting Biddie with Chris Marshall on the piano. Biddie has agreed to come back and perform again for the group and hopefully he'll be around for one of our Festival events at the end of May/ beginning of June.

Hopefully more group members and new faces will come along to future events following the success of this one- that and hopefully it won't snow in the summer!!!

AT THE BENEFIT YOU COULD DANCE OR STAND ON THE BALCONY AND BE ALL WISPY AND DRAMATIC

SAFE TRANSPORT



FOR THE AGM WE HAVE ARRANGED TO HAVE TWO SAFE TRANSPORT VANS TO TAKE PEOPLE HOME THIS IS SOMETHING WE HOPE TO CONTINUE. COULD YOU MAYBE HELP AS A VOLUNTEER DRIVER? PLEASE RING US FOR MORE DETAILS

PREJUDICE AND PRIDE STUDIES COURSE

On Monday's from 7.30pm at West Greenwich House, Greenwich High Road, S.E.IO. (Transport Bus: 177, 180,53. Trains to Greenwich)
The course started on April the 7th and is continuing until June 23rd (12 weeks). Details of course titles on back page Diary of Events. The evenings are open to all lesbians and gay men and interested heterosexuals. It has been organised by us at the Centre and funded by the Workers Educational Association.

So far the events have been a great success, particularily the meeting afterwards in the bar at West Greenwich House. It's great to see such a good turn out of women at a mixed event hopefully this will continue and at request we are going to lay on a creche for those attending who have a need for it.

Topics to be covered in coming weeks are Our Families, Religion, Culture and Sexual Attitudes, Relationships and lesbians and gays and children. The session on Coming Out was apparently very relaxed and informative and the last workshop on our differences as lesbians and gays was also very interesting.

MONOGAMY OR NON-MONOGAMY ? - the age-old question.
No doubt a question that will arise in May 12th's discussion on RELATIONSHIPS

SUBSCRIPTIONS.

Some good news, we previuosly asked members for subsciptions for the newsletter because we had no money. Since then we have received definite funding so we again like to offer this service free to anyone wishing to receive the monthly newsletter. We are aware that certain members paid a subscription at the time and we willing to give refunds to anyone requesting one, all unclaimed subs gratefully received.

If we send you the mail out and you either do not want to receive it, or will be changing adress or Know of others wanting a copy please contact the workers at the Centre a.s.a.p. Thanks!!

We are very keen for members to help with the newsletter and maybe someday take over the running of it.

The work involved is one day a month, generally in the third week of the month doing the layout and printing and posting out and during the month bieng able to collect bits and pieces and articles for it.

We are keen to teach people new skills and learn new things ourselves.

IF THIS TRIGGER - HAPPY PAIR DON'T BLOW US UP IN THE MEANTIME WE'LL BE BACK NEXT MONTH! XX

THE DIARY-EVENTS

APRIL 21st: STUDIES COURSE: OUR FAMILIES
at West Greenwich House, Greenwich High Rd.
at 7.30.

APRIL 28th: STUDIES COURSE: RELIGION, CULTURE AND SEXUAL ATTITUDES. Address as above

MAY 2nd : ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AT THE CENTRE
6.30 Prompt A.G.M.-elections to management committee; new constitution.
9.00 Social with theatre group and food: OBSCENE AND HEARD.

MAY 5th : STUDIES COURSE: HISTORY AND DIVERSITY OF OUR COMMUNITIES.

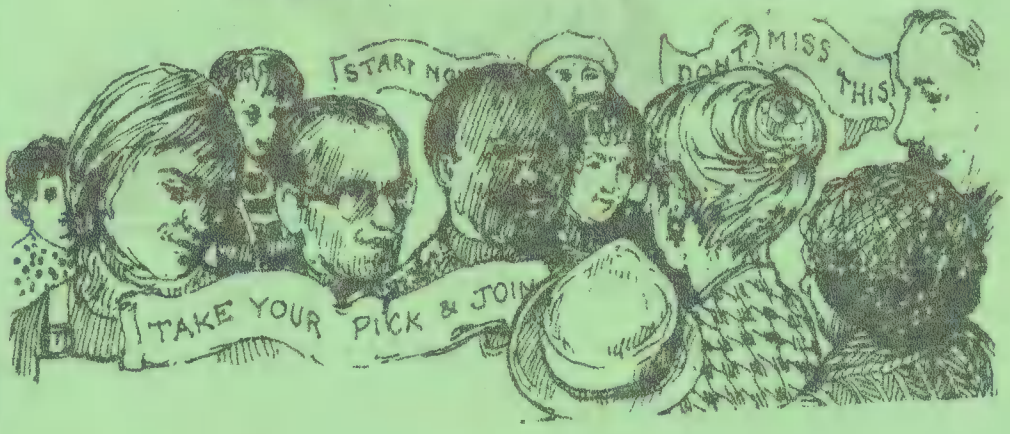
MAY 12th : STUDIES COURSE: RELATIONSHIPS.

MAY 14th : MIXED SOCIAL: Alan and Mike, 41 Millard House, Leeway, Pepys Estate, SE 8. Start 8.00.

MAY 19th : STUDIES COURSE: LESBIANS.GAY MEN AND CHILDREN.

MAY 26th : STUDIES COURSE: HEALTH.

MAY 30th : GREENWICH FESTIVAL- SUPPER AND CABARET AT THE CENTRE. See newsletter for details.



HOW TO BE A *Happy* HOMOSEXUAL

a guide for gay men.

Terry Sanderson

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Publication May 1986.
ISBN 0 948982 00 4 £2.95
Mail order from **The Other Way Press,** PO Box 130, London W5 1DQ.
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SUGGESTIONS FOR NEW MANAGEMENT STRUCTURE

A. Outside Management Committee

4 worker supervisors chosen by workers.

Their duties would be:-

(a) to give support and guidance to workers.
(b) to attend meetings of all the workers and supervisors as requested
(c) to have a commitment to liaise with the Management Committee.

B. Management Committee

1 Chair (recommendation that this should be a women)

Duties:

(a) Chairing meetings
(b) Maintain the cohesion of the Management Committee and seek to heal solits and disagreements amongst its members.
(c) Organise Agenda for meetings with Secretary.
(d) between meetings, to act as a contact points for the project, to interpret policy, and to make urgent decisions in consultation with other officers (where possible)

2. Vice Chair

Duties:

(a) Deputise for Chair
(b) Assist Chair between meetings.

3. Secretary

Duties:

(a) To circulate Agenda and minutes in good time.
(b) to construct Agenda with Chair
(c) to take minutes or organise the taking of minutes.
(d) to receive and respond to correspondence in conjunction with other members of the M.C.

4. Treasurer

Duties:

(a) to keep accurate accounts
(b) to liaise with workers on day to day finances
(c) to ensure accountability of expenditure.

(d) to ensure that adequate insurance cover etc. is maintained.
(e) to provide an annual statement of accounts for audit.

5. Worker Liaison person

Duties:

(a) to be available to and contactable by the workers as flexibly as possible.
(b) to be responsible for keeping records of staff holidays, time off in lieu, sickness etc. as well as hours worked and time sheets.
(c) to be aware of the health and safety and equal opportunities responsibilities of the Management Committee.
(d) to liaise with other M.C. members and worker supervisors, where necessary, to achieve the above.

6. Co-Options

There should also be co-options to the M.C. to fulfill specific needs and tasks.

GREENWICH LESBIAN AND GAY CENTRE

MAY / JUNE '86

STUDIES COURSE

Due to the bank holidays the dates of the studies course have been changed. Our apologises to anyone who has turned up and found the community centre locked. We were not given any notice

JUNE 2nd	: Lesbians Gay men and Children
JUNE 9th	: Health
JUNE 16th	: The Media.
JUNE 23rd	: Employment.
JUNE 30th	: Bereavement and Separation.
JULY 7th	: To be decided by the group.

PAINTING THE CENTRE

Now that we have the centre we need to paint it!! Yes you've guessed - we need volunteers to help us. As we are aiming for an opening on Friday 27th we will need to paint quickly. Currently we would like to paint on Wednesdays Thursdays and Fridays so give us a ring or drop in and give us a hand.

REVIEW

I recently had the misfortune to choose Anna Wilson's'CACTUS' (onlywomen Press) from our centre library as my bed-time book.

This is not so much a review as a warning. I recognise that for a long time there has been a (necessary) move to present lesbians and gay men as ordinary, every day people but i fear Anna Wilson has gone way over board.

Her characters are dull and boring dykes leading dull and boring lives. Their conversations are uneventful and unbelievable excerpts fromthrow away lectures on feminism.

Billed as a book about realism not drama the story and it's characters should have been left to quietly bore each other in their small way without trying to do the rest of us in.

Dreary and grey it made me seriously question my sanity and happiness as a lesbian.

Read it at your peril.

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ACTUALLY I THINK THIS REVEIW IS OFFENSIVE TO DULL AND BORING LESBIANS .... AS I WAS SAYING ---- WITTER WITTER --- DRONE

SUPPER CABARET

On Friday 30th May at the Centre we will be having a supper and cabaret. This is our first venture into catering. Places can be reserved by phoning the Centre and leaving your name and the number of people coming. So far half of the places have been taken. So dont delay-book now! The evening will start at 8.oo and will cost £2.50 waged and £I.00 unwaged. All the food will be vegetarian and absolutely delicious!

Providing the cabaret at our supper evening will be..... WIDGIE and ANNIE.

Widgie does a variety style song and dance act with comedy which recently won her first prize at 'The Alternative' womens club in East London.

Annie hasbeen singins on the folk circuit for a number of years.

The two women are also next door neighbours in Plumstead....a real local double bill of entertainment.

PRIDE EXHIBITION

During Pride '86 we will be holding an exhibition for one week in the terribly grand Victoria Hall of Greenwich Town HAll in wellington Street Woolwich.

The contents are by no means finalised but will include photographs of real life lesbians and gay men at home, at work, at colege , with parents and relatives, lovers and children and friends. The intention behind the exhibition which will be largely geared towards heterosexuals and men and women who have not yet had the opportunity to come out, is to de-mystify lesbians and Gay men- to hack away the 'Green Horns' syndrome that many Heterosexuals suffer when they try to picture who we are.

The exhibition will also feature information about us and other local L & G groups. I'd really welcome input from anyone who would like to help putting all of these things together including contributions in the form of photgraphs and personal statements about aspects of your life. Please make an input if you can as this will help to increase the diversity that is important to such a project.

PHONE GILL ON WED/THURSDAYS 316-5954.

WELCOME TO NEW WORKER

Greenwich Lesbian and Gay Centre has at last appointed a new male worker.

He is Keith Trotman who is 20 and lives in the LOndon Borough of Bexley.Keith has a long history of involvement in lesbian and gay projects and campaigns,most notably the South London Gay Young Peoples Project.

Keith will be joining us officially from the beginning of June when no doubt you'll be hearing from him in person here in the newsletter. Until then as his co-workers we welcome him to the project.

Keith at his coming out party!!

LESBIAN STRENTH/GAY PRIDE 86

As part of lesbian strength and gay pride we are organising a picnic on Sunday June 29th in Greenwich park We will meet near the band stand which is near the cafe at 2.00. Bring lots of food to eat and we will provide kites to fly, rounders equipment to play and hopefully stilts to walk on!! Wear something pink so that we can recognise each other!!

LABOUR PARTY

LESBIANS AND GAYS

We have heard rumours of a meeting on June 3rd in Lambeth organised by the Labour Party on Lesbian and Gay Rights. It will be the first ever public meeting on the issues organised by a political party. Watch the press for more details.

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whew....
another newsletter
finished!!!

THURSDAY AFTERNOONS

Since the last newsletter the Centre has been open for visitors on Thursday afternoons from one o'clock until five o'clock.
These afternoons have been quite successful so far with about six to eight people attending regularily. Activities up to now have included darts, discussions and the videos 'Tootsie" and "Victor/Victoria. We also have a pool table now as well as tv/video, darts, books and magazines to read and videos to watch.

PLANNED OPENING OF CENTRE

The planned opening of the Centre is on June 27th from 4.30 till late. Planning for this event is in the early stages any ideas or volunteers to plan or help run the event contact the Centre.

OPEN MEETING

The next Open Meeting is on Friday June the 6th. Starting of at 6.30 with buisness and at 8.30 the Social when Pink Singers will be making a guest appearence at the Centre.

OUR ADDRESS IS ;
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NEWSLETTER OF

greenwich lesbian and gay centre

JUNE / JULY 86

STRENGTH

AND PRIDE 1986

PICNIC

CABARET

EXHIBITION

NEW LOOK MAGAZINE

CALLING ALL TELE ADDICTS

Our informers inside the secluded realms of Auntie BBC and trendy channel 4 tell us some Gay and Lesbian eye bogglers that should keep you glued to those screens.
In the ever more tear jerking (tears of laughter rather than sorrow)world of soap opera we can expect the lesbian character in Eastenders to make a quiet background appear -ance. While on Channel 4 Brookside their gay character will be a major feature when he re-enters the programme in the near future.
FromMonday the Ist of September Channel 4 are screening a season of Gay films, the time to switch on is II.00pm The season lasts for eight weeks .
Finally in December Channel Four will be screening'Framed Youth', again on a Monday at the late ,late time of II.00

WATCH THIS SPACE FOR FURTHER T.V.DETAILS AND INFORMATIONN ON HOW YOU MAY BE OF ASSISTANCE IN GETTING A BETTER SER-VICE FOR GAYS AND LESBIANS ON CHANNEL FOUR.

NEW WORKER-AREAS OF CONCERN

For those of you who unfortunately did not read the last edition of the newsletter you would have missed the item about the Greenwich Lesbian and Gay Centre's brilliant young new worker, Keith Trotman. In the near future He'll be concentrating on the new newsletter/newsmagazine, publ icity, resources, a black lesbian and Gay Group, a Gay and Lesbian Youth Group and arranging meetins between the Centre and local schools.

JULY OPEN MEETING

At the July meeting which will be held at the Centre on July 4th from 6.30, we will be producing a workers report on work done by the project since the last one in June I985. Our treasurer Paddy Hughes will also be presenting our financial report. for theyear I985-I986.After the buisness part of the meeting there will be a social when we will be showing 'Before Stonewall', the video of the film.

CENTRE OPENING CANCELLED

GREENWICH LESBIAN AND GAY CENTRE was due to officially open on Friday June 27th. THIS HAS BEEN CANCELLED.

The basic reason for this is that it does not make any sense to open a centre which as yet does not have a structured plan of events and usage. So a fun-day opening the cemtre on June 27th at this stage would be a big bang followed by a load of fizzle.
We want the Centre to have the opening and full use it deserves.
To achieve this will involve creating interest in it. We have neither the resources nor the space to operate like the Farringdon Lesbian and Gay centre.What we do have however is a meeting place for local groups,lesbian discussion groups,Black and Asian lesbian and gay groups, young people's groups,unemployed groups and afternoons, music workshops,theatre evenings cabarets discos video showings etc. The list of possibilities is limitless. Unfortuneately however the energy of the workers is not. We will be contacting people who are interested in starting or carrying on groups and events at the centre and helping them to get going by providing the resources necessary for publicityetc. We will be drawing up plans for regular social events and booking entertainers, arranging safe transport. But we need people who receive our newsletter and people who,live in the area to get involved in making the centre work.
The eventual aim of this will be a thriving lesbian and gay community centre which will be building itself up with the involvement of it's local lesbians andcgay community until it splits its seams and opens with a huge and lasting bang....hopefully no later than early September.
COME ALONG TO THE CENTRE ON THURSDAY AFTERNOONS or ring us (316 5954) to tell us your ideas,give us your support get your dreams of GREENWICH LESBIAN AND GAY CENTRE going for real.

HELP OPEN YOUR CENTRE

LESBIAN AND GAY

EXHIBITION IN WOOLWICH

In the Main Hall of the Town Hall in Woolwich,on Wellington Street we will be showing an exhibition of photos and printed material about our group,other lesbian and gay groups in South London plus the Lesbian and Gays Support the Miners exhibition. We will staff it from 5.00 till 6.00 everyevening so that people can come and meet us if they want to.
If you want to come along and give us a hand setting it up Gill and David will be there on MONDAY 23rd JUNE fromm I2.00. The exhibition will come down on Friday 27th.

PICNIC

This year we are repeating the great success of last summer - a lesbian and gay picnic.
We will get together for an afternoon of sun, sandwiches and silly games on SUNDAY 29th JUNE at 2.00 p.m. in GREENWICH PARK,near the band stand,which is at the top of the park on the left of the cafe.
We are providing rounders bats and skipping ropes, kites and stilts, frisbees and lola balls (that's what Maggie says they are called). So come along. Bring your own games and please bring food to share. Wear something pink!!

CABARET NIGHT AT CHARLTON HOUSE

After you have gorged yourself and played rounders till you never want to see another bat, why not go to the Cabaret organised by Greenwich Entertainments.
At Charlton House,8.00pm,on Sunday 29th June there will be THE RESISTERS - a women's theatre group
THE INSINUENDOS - a witty singing trio
CAROLINE GILLFILLAN - "sweet haunting voice".

Tickets at the door £2.50 (£I concessions)

PRIDE 1986 EVENTS

OUT IN DEPTFORD

DEPTFORD LESBIAN AND GAY PRIDE 2nd-19th JULY AT THE ALBANY EMPIRE, DOUGLAS WAY, DEPTFORD.

This year the Albany, under the new directorship of Colin Hicks, has organised over two weeks of events for lesbians and gay men living locally. They are offering a special pass for £9 which will entitle you to go to everything.

PLAYS THROUGHOUT THE TWO WEEKS:

Best of Friends and Compromised Immunity
Both performed by Gay Sweatshop.

CABARET AND CLUB NIGHTS

JULY 2nd WED: CABARET- BIDDY; BERNARD PADDEN AND NERVOUS KITCHENS.
POEMS FOR AIDS- during the afternoon.

JULY 6th SUN: WOMEN ONLY- MOONLIGHTERS; PENNY WOODS.

JULY 9thWED: CABARET- GUEST STARS; JANICE PERRY; WHAT A WOMAN WANTS.

JULY 13thSUN: CLUB NIGHT- OPPENHEIMER AND RANSOM.

JASON AND MEDEA

G.A.G. theatre group - Stephen Edwards and Dar'en Craig are performing in a new play called Jason and Medea at the London Lesbian and Gay centre from 27th-29th July at 7.30. This is GAG's second production.

AND LOTS MORE LOOK IN CITY LIMITS, CAPITAL(IST) GAY ETC

AGAINST ALL THE ODDS

Brixton Art Gallery are running two evenings of film, video and performance by lesbians and gay men for Pride '86. The dates are Monday Ist July 7.I5pm and Tuesday 2nd July 7.I5pm(Lesbian screening).

MONDAY: Genet's Chant D'Amour; Zuni Luni and Miriam Ludbrook's Psychik and harriet Wistrich's Het Up.

TUESDAY: Harriet and Zuni and Miriam contribute again with other highly original work such as Sarah Bennett's performance of "The Lights of my Life". a visual blend of myth and old wives tales'.

The evenings have been put together by lesbians and gay men at the gallery with thanks to the Arts Council of Great Britiain and the London Film Makers Co-op.
ADMISSION TO BOTH EVENINGS IS FREE.

PLUS: FILM WITHOUT FUNDS (cine and video)
A workshop on practical film making on a shoestring.
WEDNESDAY 2nd JULY IIam - 5pm.
The workshop is free though donations to offset costs of film used are welcome.

brixton art gallery 21 atlantic road london sw9

PEPYS LESBIAN AND GAY GROUP

PEPYS LESBIAN AND GAY GROUP is still meeting on Sundays at Co-op Pepys, I Daubeney Tower, Bowditch on the Pepys estate in Deptford.
The meeting times have now changed to 3-5pm. so that people can watch the Eastenders Omnibus before they go.
New faces are always welcome.

POLICE MONITORING GROUP

We have recently had talks with the new police advisor to the Council who is very interested in setting up some form of monitoring of lesbian and gay mens experiences with thepolice in the area. If you are at all interested in any aspect of this work please contact us at the Centre.

JULY MONTHLY MIXED SOCIAL

We apologise for the non-occurence of last months mixed social. So this month we are going to have one on JULY I6th WEDNESDAY at 8.oo at Gerry's, I48 Laleham Road, Catford SE 6. Bring your own drink and come and have a quiet evening getting to know other people involved in our group.

MEGA-ZINE?

This is hopefully one of the final newsletters in this Newsletters in this present format. The present newsletter is to replaced by a newsmagazine in a larger A4 format and will contain pictures, photos, readers letters, local news items,reveiws, reports, cartoons, receipes, a diary of forthcoming events and whatever contributions the readership contributes. The newsmagazine will be a bi monthly publication with a list of events being distributed between publications. Although produced less frequently the newsmagazine will involve a far greater amount of work in order to produce the standard such an item and our readers deserves. We are desperately seeking people interested in producing the new newsmagazine on a voluntary basis or offering some sort of written or pictorial contributions

DYFAH - HOUSING

DYFAH (Dykes and Faggots in Housing) is a non- priority homeless housing scheme which over the last couple of years has housed zillions of homeless lesbians and gay men in Lewisham Council property.
Alan and Mike run the men's side of the scheme but there needs to be a woman to take over the women's side of the scheme.
This would involve answering enquiries about the scheme, helping poeple fill in the forms and liasing with Lewisham council.
To give some idea of the workload Alan and Mike handle three applications a week (with probably one or two enqiries) filling in the forms with the appliicants for two hours each Sunday. They go along to 'liason meetings' with the Council roughly once a month/6 weeks.
The scheme is very valuable and urgently needs a woman willing to continue helping women get housed. If you think you could take the job please phone Maggie on 316 5954 for more details.

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AT LAST — YOUR GUIDE TO GREENWICH LESBIAN & GAY CENTRE
THE PLANS TO GET THE CENTRE GOING
PLUS — LOCAL NEWS & EVENTS.........

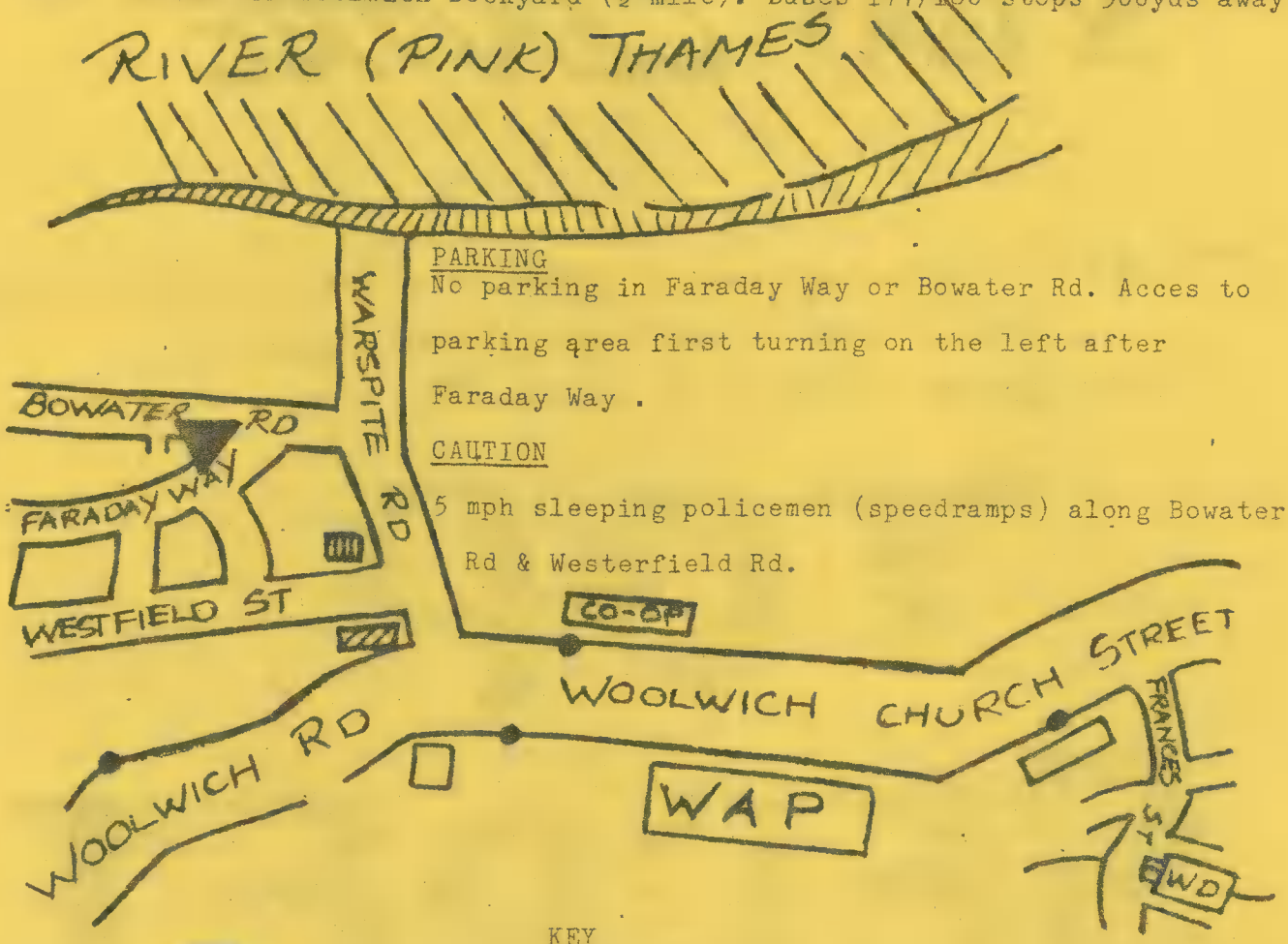
TOP SECRET

GETTING THE CENTRE GOING

NEWSLETTER — JULY/AUGUST

G.L.G.C.. WHERE ARE YOU?

The information on this page will hopefully make it a lot easier for you to find the centre. The nearest Tube is Surrey Docks (5 miles), the nearest train station is Woolwich Dockyard (½ mile). Buses I77/I80 stops 300yds away.



PARKING

No parking in Faraday Way or Bowater Rd. Acces to parking area first turning on the left after Faraday Way .

CAUTION

5 mph sleeping policemen (speedramps) along Bowater Rd & Westerfield Rd.

KEY

- GREENWICH LESBIAN & GAY CENTRE.
- WOOLWICH DOCKYARD RAILWAY STATION.
- BUS STOP-I77/I80.
- WOOLWICH ADVENTURE PLAYGROUND.
- CO-OP FUNERAL PARLOUR.
- LOCAL SMALL FOOD STORES(only shops along this stretch of road)
- THE MILLION HARE PUB-on the junction of Woolwich Rd & Warspite Rd.
- 40'sPUB-onthe junction of Westerfield Rd & Warspite Rd.

DISTANCES

About one mile from Woolwich or three miles from the centre of Greenwich.

GUIDE TO THE CENTRE INTERESTED COME ALONG

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Facilities so far available are a Kitchen with cooker and fridge and storage space and work surfaces. Also equipment for making tea and coffee coffee(filter coffee machine as well) There is also a resource room next door with photo copier, layout materials and table, with eventual access to a word processor (being negotiated at present) and a Gestetner Printing machine for making multiple copies in different colour ways.

In the main area we have a pool/snooker table, music system, TV and video and soft armchairs and a good number of fold away hard back chairs chairs. There will also be darts board, newspaper and magazine racks and and a glass fronted display cabinet for our growing collection of books, videos and cassette tapes and records. We will have a special information section on a whole host of relevant issues, for people to help themselves. At one end there is going to be a coffee bar and we also have an upright piano and some board games and outdoor activities games. The lighting was flourescent but we are having softer wall lighting installed which will be adjustable. Although the Centre is not yet yet finally complete it should be by the Opening in September. If you want to help in completing the work we've started contact the workers.

THIS MONTHS NEWSLETTER

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MEGAZINE NEEDS YOUR HELP.

You may remember in last month's newsletter we requested assistance in producing a more'glossy' Bi-monthly publication. We would like to change this to a plea. People are desperately needed for the'Megazine' to even get it off the ground. No experience is required, we train any one who's interested as we go along.All you need is enthuiiasm and an interest in producing something that other people will enjoy. Please contact Keith Trotman or any other worker at the Centre on 316-5954.

MEDIA WATCH- WE TOLD YOU SO

For those of you who may have read the article in Capital Gay two weeks ago, you may well remember an article about the return of the gay character in 'Brookside'. For those of you who read last mont months newsletter you may well recollect a similar article under the heading 'tele-addicts'. It just goes to show if you want to stay informed stick with your local G.L.G.C news-rag.

NEW VIDEOS

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SUGGESTED ACTIVITIES EVERY WEEK

(I)--YOUTH GROUP.

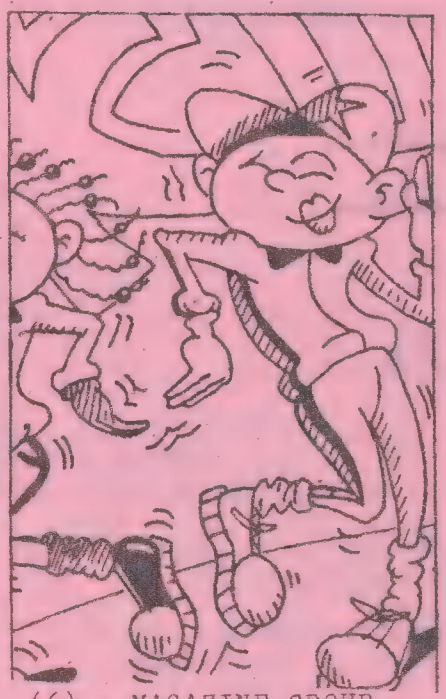
For young lesbians and gay men under 23.A social group geared towards young people coming out for the first time wanting to talk about being gay ,building confidence and making friends. The group will be self-running, meeting one evening a week as well as organising days/evenings out.

(2)--YOUNG PEOPLES DISCUSSION GROUP.

For young people who've already come out. Meeting one evening or weekend afternoon to talk about things that affect our lives- parents, school, lovers etc. For young people under 26.

(3)--DANCE GROUP.

A local gay man who is a dancer would like to organize a dance group at the centre. Absolute beginners and long time enthusiasts will be welcome.



(4)--VIDEO SCREENINGS

A SEASON OF FILMS FOLLOWED BY A DISCUSSION AND NOSH-UP. HOPEFULLY THERE WILL BE BOTH MIXED AND WOMEN-ONLY SCREENINGS.

(5)--'FIRST OUT' GROUP.

NOT THE NOUVEAU COFFEE SHOP BUT A GROUP FOR MEN AND WOMEN JUST COMING OUT to talk things over and make Friends. THIS COULD BE A USEFUL 1ST CONTACT POINT FOR PEOPLE RINGING GREENWICH LESBIAN AND GAY LINE.

(6)-- MAGAZINE GROUP

There are plans afoot to replace the scruffy centre newletter with a better produced and more readable monthly magazine. This will need a group of people to meet on a regular basis to get it all together. A chance to learn the mysteries of paste-ups and printing jargon as well as writing or drawing for Greenwich's own lesbian and gay magazine.

(7)--WRITING GROUP.

A mixed group to discuss their writing and learn from listening to other people. Possibly invite guest speakers like lesbian and gay authors, publishers etc.

(8)--LESBIAN SOCIAL/SUPPORT GROUP.

To be whatever women who go along would like it to be.

EVERY FORTNIGHT

(I)--GAY MENS SOCIAL GROUP

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(2)--GAY MENS DISCUSSION GROUP.

Not an Ice-Breakers type of group but a space for men involved in the centre or campaigning work to get to know more about each other and help strengthen and support each other.

(3)--SPORTS GROUP

A get-together to plan a series of sporty goings-on from badminton to ten-pin bowling and swimming to football.

(4)-- PHOTOGRAPHY GROUP

Depending on enthusiasm this could be fortnightly or monthly. Ideas behind it include skills sharing, group shoots, discussions about images and subjects. Initially the group would visit local dark rooms but if there is enough interest the centre may be able to buy our own B/W enlarger and development equipment.

Maybe the group could provide photos for the magazine and also for exhibitions at the centre and other places in the Borough.

(5)--'EVERYTHING YOU EVER WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT FLOWER ARRANGING'

This bizarre little number is in fact the follow on from the very succesful Prejudice and Pride evenings held recently at West Greenwich House. A group of men and women who went along to regularly are keen to carry on and are planning a series of topics to explore. Since the evening work best when a certain amount of trust has built up they plan to invite new 'members' to join the group in the first two weeks. After this only men and women who have come along to the first two meetings can continue coming along.

O.K. I know i have'nt explained that very well so if are interested in joining the group ring us at the centre and ask for David.

MONTHLY

(I)--GAMES AFTERNOON

A lot of people involved in the centre are enthusiastic players of board games, cards, darts and pool/snooker. Therefore we thought it'd be nice to spend one Sunday afternoon a month playing games and listening to Nina Simone. (Oh and watching the East Enders).

(2) Skill Sharing days

A lot of local people are involved in theatre, art, photography. dance, music etc. These specially arranged days will be a chance to take part in things that you don't generally get an opportunity to do. We'd very much like to hear from artist's, musicians etc who'd like to help organize one of these days.

(3)--HEALTH TOPICS

A monthly meeting to discuss things that affect our health. In particular (tho' not exclusively) to talk about AIDS. At the moment most discussions about these topics happen in North London. Therefore it is hoped that these meetings will enable more South - East London people access to information about these subjects.

ONE-OFFS

(I)-- ENTERTAINMENTS.

In terms of plays, shows, cabaret etc we would like to establish our centre as a 'circuit venue' alongside such places as the Farringdon centre and other community centres. We are looking for volunteers (with or without experience) to help co-ordinate this.

As the supper cabaret we held recently was so succesful we would like to organize this kind of thing again.Also suggested so far are music nights. All these things will require people to volunteer to help plan and run them.

Obviously we don't have the same kind of facilities as the Farringdon centre like a bar and basement disco but we are still determined to make our centre a place to have a good night out.

(2)-- CENTRE OUTINGS

These will provide the opportunity to enjoy days/evenings out as part of a group of gay people whether it's paddling at the seaside or going to see a West End play.

If you have an idea for a centre outing let us know and we will help you to organize it.

We also intend to arrange special outings for people with children.

THE POLICING OF LESBIAN & GAY PEOPLE.

Greenwich Council employs 3 workers in their Police Committee Support Unit (PCSU) to monitor police activities in the borough and to put across the arguements for police accountability to people in Greenwich. The PCSU wants to monitor the policing of lesbians and gays in Greenwich and we would like you to write to the address below with any information you have on the following:

a) Police raids on lesbian/gay meeting places/pubs/etc;

b) Police arrests at public toilers;

c) Police surveillance of lesbian and gay activities in the borough, or surveillance of individuals;

d) Police raids on the homes of individuals;

e) Police treatment of lesbians and gay men in custody;

f) Lack of police response to requests for assistance/action from lesbians and gay men;

g) Any other areas you want to bring to our attention.

All information will be treated confidentially and information relating to individuals will not be used without their consent.

The information we receive will eventually be used to compile a report to the Police Sub-Committee and will recommend areas where the Council can intervene to help alternate police harassment of lesbians and gay men.

The PCSU also takes up complaints against the police. You can contact us at:

PCSU
Community Affairs Dept
Riverside House
Beresford Street,
LondonSE18

Phone: 854 8888 X 2051/2056

LONDON LESBIAN GAY CENTRE
67 COWCROSS ST

LESBIAN & GAY MEN

PLANNING TO PARENT GROUP

A new group for those of us who would like to have our own children either soon or in the future. Come along if you are interested even if you are not sure about parenting. We will be discussing everything to do with the subject - why have children, children having and not having fathers, self insemination, co-parenting - lesbians with gay men - gay men with lovers - lesbians with lovers, surrogate mothering, AIDS, choosing how to live with children etc

CONTACT LONDON LESBIAN & GAY CENTRE FOR DETAILS.

LAGER

Lesbian And Gay Employment Rights

Room 205, Southbank House, Black Prince Road, London SE1 7SJ
☎ 01 587 1636 (Lesbians only) ☎ 01 587 1643 (General)

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CAN WE HELP YOU?

Having problems at work because you are gay?
contact the gay men in LAGER - we may be able to help you.

The telephone is open for information, help, and/or advice during the following times.

Monday : 2.00 pm until 9.00 pm
Tuesday to Friday: 12.00 pm until 5.00 pm
Saturday/ Sunday : CLOSED

LAGER is an organisation fighting the discrimination faced by lesbians and gay men in employment and unemployment. Besides giving support and advice to individuals with problems at work, LAGER also offers advice and information to trade unions, local authorities and voluntary organisation. If you think LAGER can assist you in any way please don't hesitate to call us.

Another aspect of our work is research into employment issues. We will shortly be publishing a report about gay men at work (see overleaf) plus a regular newsletter to keep you up to date with un/employment issues.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT ORDERING THE BELOW VIDEO CONTACT LARGER OR GLGC.

'GAY MEN AT WORK'

—FORTHCOMING PUBLICATION—

Over the last year the male side of LAGER has been carrying out extensive research into the experiences of employed gay men. The results of this research will be published in September in a book called "Gay Men at Work ". Areas covered in the book are; Day to day discrimination at work, discrimination in employment law, Aids hysteria at work, Gay men and trade unions and Equal opportunities agreements.

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LARGER TELE Nº ABOVE. GLGC - 3165954

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OPEN MEETING — FRIDAY AUGUST IST.

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GROUP OUTING — "DESERT HEART"

The British premiere of Donna Deitch's 'Desert Hearts' will be a benifit for Lesbian and Gay Switchboard. The film is about two women and their 'special friendship'.Set in Reno, Nevada in the late '50's it is about the passionate and loving relationship that develops between a divorcee and a happy 'out' lesbian she meets when she moves to the town. Its said to have one of the hottest sex scenes in any movie around today. Hope your appetites have been wetted, for more details see City Limits.
It would be great if there's an interest for a group of us from Greenwich to go and see the film together on the Benifit night, Thursday the 3Ist of JULY at the Electric Screen, I9I Portobello Road, WII. If there's enough interest we could maybe arrange transport from the Centre to the cinema as it's quite a way to travel.

APOLOGIES MIXED SOCIAL CANCELLED/AUGUST

We apologise for the fact that the August social will not be happening due to it being the holiday season and all. However there are a couple of other social events planned that may interest, occuring in the month.

SEPTEMBER

GREENWICH LESBIAN AND GAY CENTRE NEWSLETTER

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HELLO

Here is this month's newsletter. We hope you've had a good summer.

August has been a quiet month as it usually is.But this is not a reflection of how things are at the Centre in general.
As you know we moved in in the early spring and have spent alot of time decorating and furnishigg it.We currently have a carpenter building free standing desks and worktops for the office and for the main room.We are reworking our filing and storage system so that if an individual or a group wants particular information or literature it is easily available .
Following the highly successful lesbian and gay studies course the Workers Educational Association who financed the course have gotin touch with us saying that they would very much like us to run another as they think it is important that lesbian and gay courses are available. It looks as though our "Everything yopu want to know about flower arranging(our followup course)" may be financed by them.
We have also been approached by a couple of local organisations who want us to work with their staff and/or their users on lesbian and gay issues. It is clear that we are slowly becoming known and people want us to work with them and know more. All this is of course before we have opened or done any major publicity campaign. So I think we can say that things are coming along nicely.
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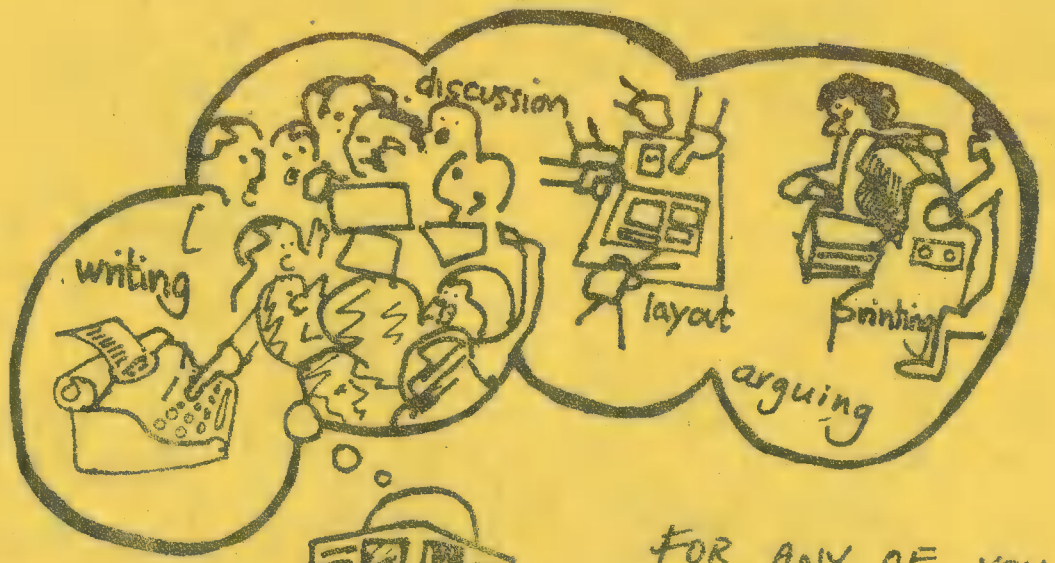
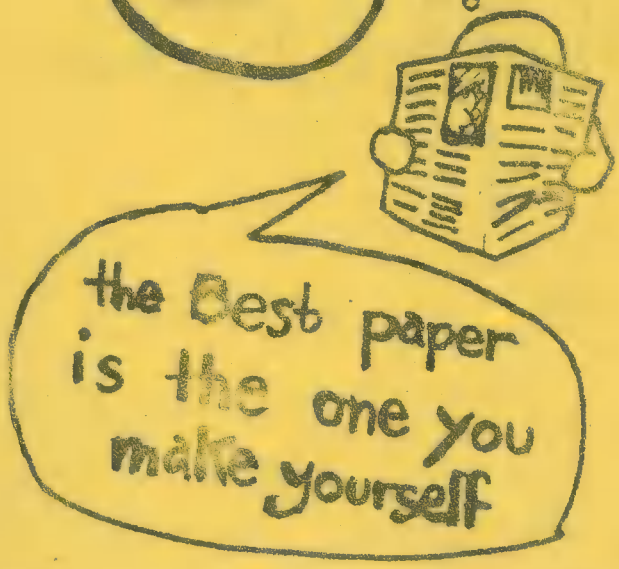




FOR ANY OF YOU WHO TAKE THE HINT, ALL THAT STANDS BETWEEN YOU AND PRESS STARDOM IS A PHONECALL!!!

NEWS AND THINGS ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~

SEPTEMBER SOCIAL

September's social will happen at Mike's house on Sunday 14th at 8. Mike lives at 30 Plum Lane Plumstead. You can get there on the bus (53) or by walking up from Woolwich Arsenal British Rail station. We haven't had a social for a while so it would be good to see you all. Bring something to drink.

PUBLICITY MEETING

On September 3rd Wednesday at 10.30 at the Centre we will be having a meeting to discuss how we can best publicize the Centre and the different activities and groups that we run. We know this is a day-time meeting but it is the most convenient for the workers. If you have any ideas please dont hesitate to let us know.

HOW THE HELL DO YOU GET HOLD OF A WORKER ??

In order to stop driving you all mad we have decided to organise our work time so that there will always be someone available to answer telephone calls at the Centre from 2.00till 4.00 every afternoon. This way you will be saved the frustration of continually ringing in and getting our answering machine.
At the moment we have each taken one day though you can obviously leave any messages.

AIDS PROJECT

Have you heard about the tremendous work that a group of west London gay men have been doing in order to set up a hostel for people who are dying of AIDS and who need a period of care. There wil also be a counselling,training and information service. In the future they hope also to run a domiciliary service for people at home with AIDS. The group have called themselves 'BoogestLighthouse' and have recently successfully raised the money and out bid others in order to buy a local school for conversion. We send them our congratulations and best wishes for the future. If you want to know more we have their pamphlets at the Centre or you can write to:
London Lighthouse 178 Lancaster Road, London W11 1QU.

LA CAGE AUX FOLLES

I went to see La Cage Aux Foles at the London Palladium the other night and enjoyed myself enormously. Although the seats are expensive it is really worth going to see. For those of you that do not know the story it is about two gay men who have lived together for a long time and who run and perform in a club. One of the men has a son who wants to marry and bring his fiancees parents to dinner but the son wants the camper of the two gaymen who has really acted as his mother all his life to not be there. This situation leads the "mother" to sing "I am what I am" (Gloria Gaynor stole it from this show). In the end the fiancees parents,who are connected to a leading right wing morality movemnet, have to leave the club dressed in drag in order to avoid the press. The music is wonderful,full of songs about being a "drag" artist and about two men falling in love and living together. The dancing and staging is also fabulous. So save up your pennies and go and see it. It is the most pro-gay piece of theatre that I have seen in years.

YOUTH GROUP

If I could change anything about growing up gay in Greenwich it would be to have had a lesbian and gay youth group meeting every week. Somewhere i could have got to know myself and other people.

Well that didn't happen in 1978.Instead i had to do my growing up in men'sbars and clubs desperately trying to convince the queens that i was a lesbian.No chance.They only bought me drinks and talked to me because i was their pet teenage fag hag.

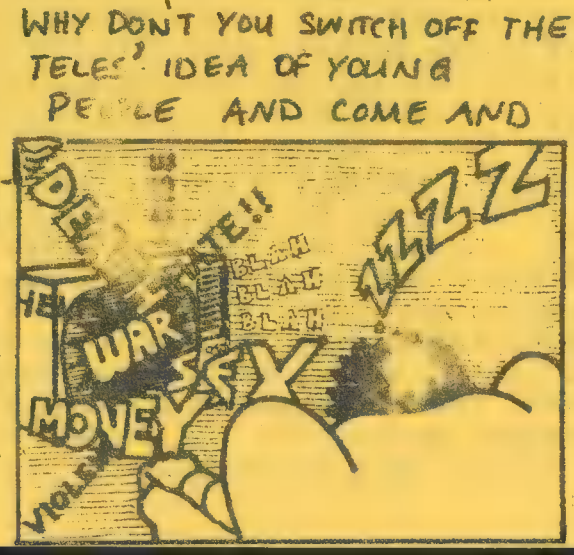
So in general life as a young lesbian in South East London in the 70's and early 80's was pretty bleak.I'm sure it weren't no bed of roses for the boys.So how can we change this in 1986? .....introducing the all new Greenwich lesbian and gay youth group.....whoopeee!!!!

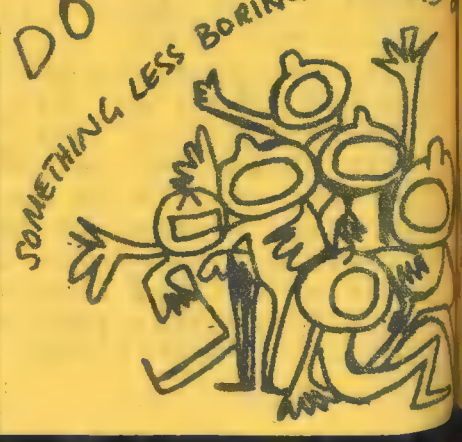
IMAGINE AN EVENING OR AFTERNOON(or both) EVERY WEEK for young people to make friends and lovers, to learn about each other and ourselves and how to cope with all the grotty aspects of our lives. To play pool and cards, watch videos, to be silly and serious.

Our ideas are ambitious (like arranging a minibus pick up around Greenwich and Bexley Boroughs) but we have the enthusiasm we have the technology now we need the propoganda!

If you are under 24 and you'd like tobe part of our new group and help to publicise ourselves PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE ring Gill at the centre (316 5954) Wednesday, Thursday and Friday between 2pm and 4pm is best.

Please don't sit at home and wait for someone else to set it all up because without you they might not!





DAVIDS GAY CONFERENCE VISIT

In July David went to the Netherlands to an international lesbian and gay workshop. There were lesbians and gay men from all over; including Australia,South Africa,Indonesia,ths States,Ireland, Scotland,Wales,England and the Netherlands. The first part of the workshop was for lesbians and gay men looking at working together and learning more about our differences and similarities. There was then a gay men's workshop (a lesbian only one had already happened).at which there were about seventy men.The main focus of the workshop was to look at how we dealt with the oppression. We shared some of our successes in terms of action taken,times people had successfully interrupted other people's prejudice and work with other gay men, especially around AIDS. We then looked at how,under the consistent pressure of the oppression and the isolation that most of us grew up with,we had internally believed some of the messages of the oppression such as that we are unable to build lasting and loving relationships,that our sex lives are sordid that we are not to be trusted especially around children etc. I'm sure the men recognise all these! With this internalised, and the external, oppression we often forget that ,although our relationships are sometimes difficult(whose isn't),they are a real achievement and a vindication of everything the oppression tries to tell us. Someone proposed that we should see are lives as triumphs! I know it doesn't always feel like that but I think the guy has a point.The oppression tells us we should keep ourselves to ourselves, preferably never meeting anyone but put our energy into getting ourselves 'cured'.Everything tells us we shouldn't,BUT WE DO and often do in a way that creates lifelong friendships and love affairs that are full of real caring and love. So why shouldn't we feel good about ourselves?! I see no reason!

DAVID

open meeting

This Maths Open Meeting is on Friday 6th August at the Centre starting at 6.30pm. Although this is officially the Buisness Part it is not as bad as it sounds! Come along and find out how you can help make the Centre work.

From 8pm onwards we will be socialising - this month will be a Games Soiree - dabble at darts, play pool, cards, chess etc. Altogether a relaxing evening where you can chat to others involved in the Centre.

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CHANNEL FOUR

Channel Four have kept their promises and are running a series of lesbian and gay films on Monday nights starting this Monday 1st September. I have heard that they will be showing Veronica 4 Rose followed by Life and Times of Harvey Milk, Before Stonewall, a German film about a lesbian love affair in the second world war called November Moon and other oldies and newies. So tune in to Channel Four and have a Monday night in with friends.

"HELLO MUM...
"VERONICA 4 ROSE IS ON AGAIN!"
"YES I KNOW YOU'VE ALREADY SEEN IT 4 TIMES BUT YOU MIGHT UNDERSTAND IT THIS TIME!"

NALGO CONFERENCE

For those of you that are in Nalgo they are holding their annual lesbian and gay conference in Sheffield on 19-21 September. They will be discussing everything from local government work to AIDS to adoption. We have application forms at the Centre which must be in by 9th September so get in touch if you want to go.

LESBIANS IN SOUTH EAST LONDON

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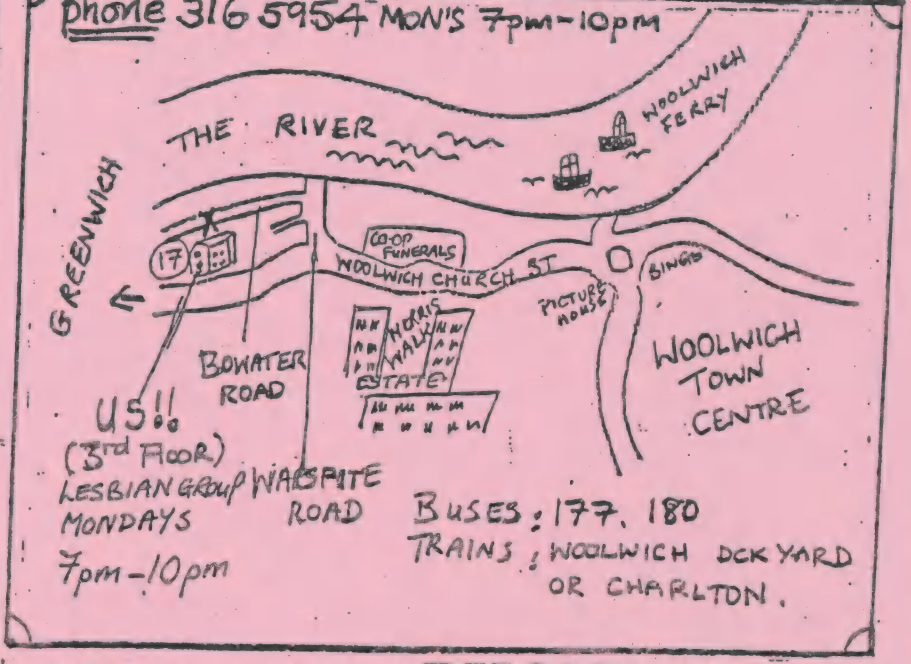

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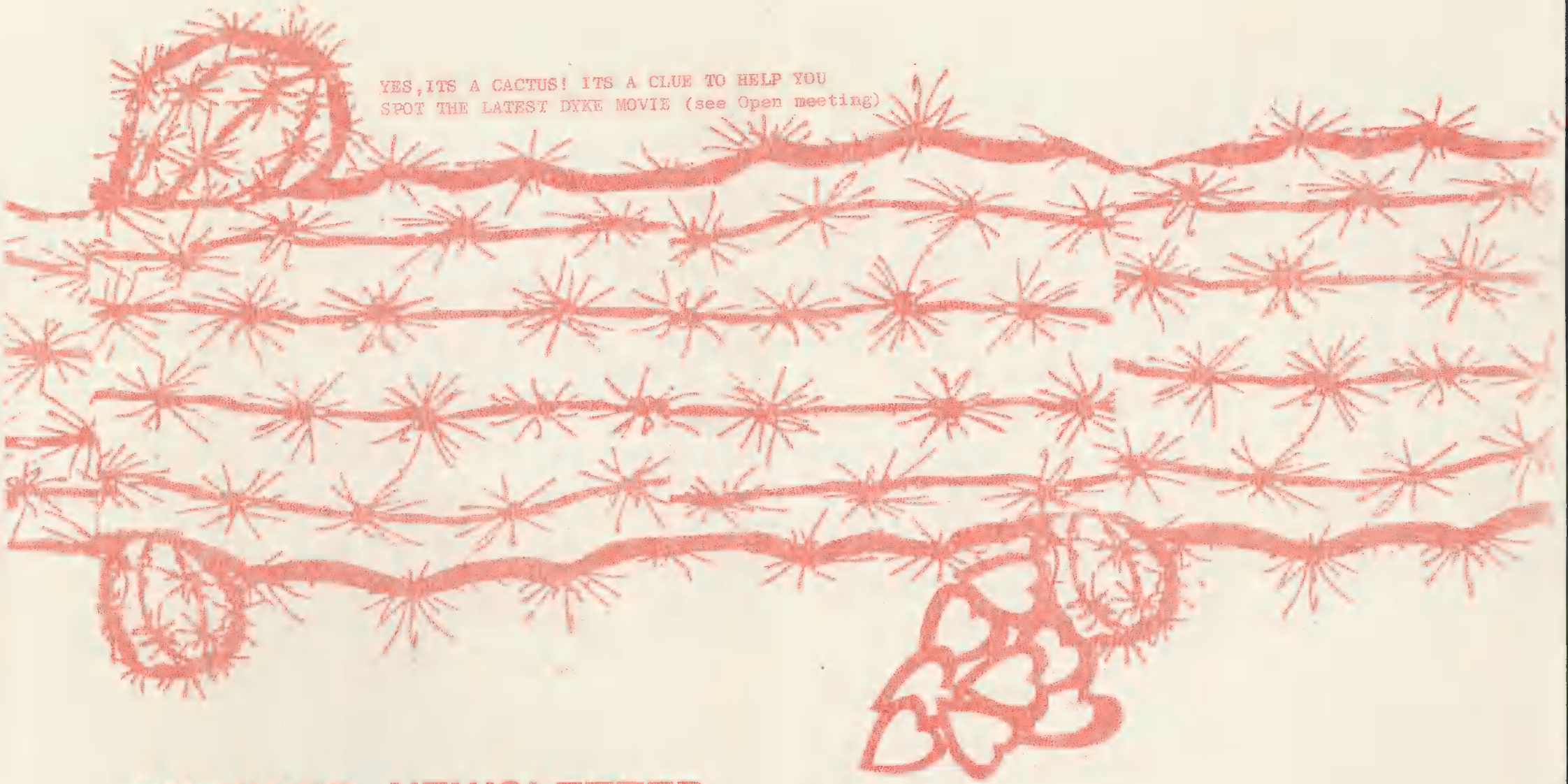
AT THE CENTRE, 17 BOWATER ROAD, WOOLWICH SE18

Socials, Disco's, pool, snooker, discussion groups,



OCTOBER NEWSLETTER

GREENWICH LESBIAN AND GAY CENTRE

OPEN DAY - EVENING BASH

Following the disaster of our cancelled opening we have decided to hold an open day on Saturday November 22nd followed by a big bash in the evening

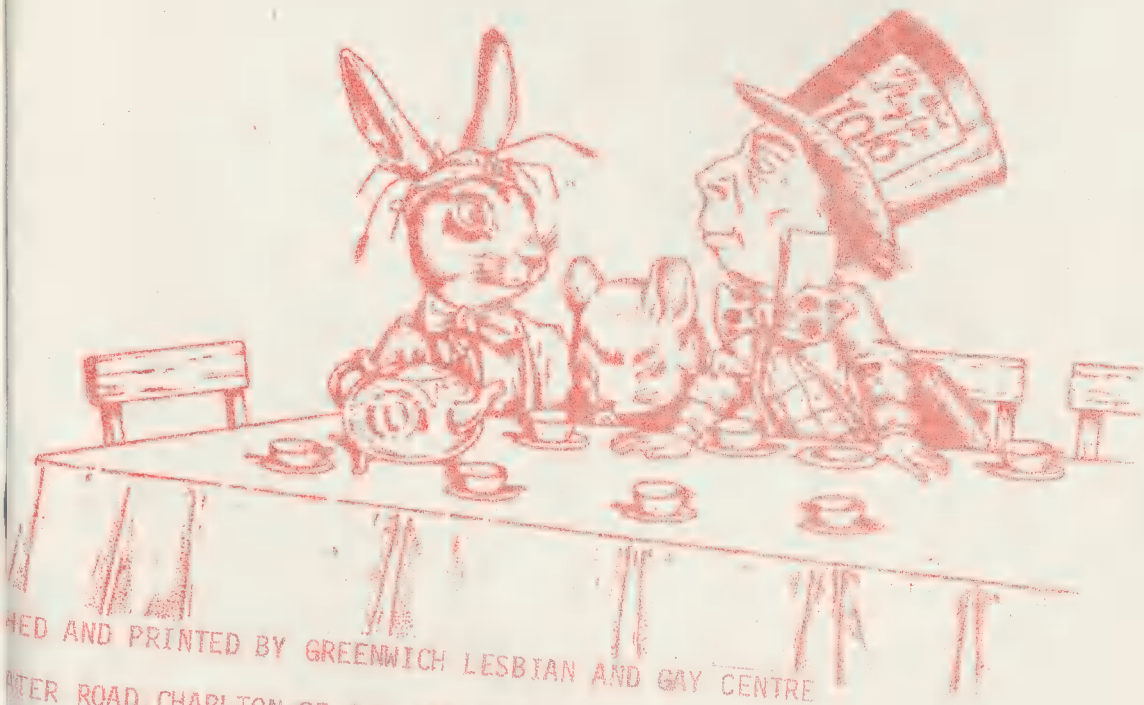
The Open Day is designed to be an opportunity to come along and see the building and discover it's wonderful potential ,finding out about planned events and also different groups that will be meeting here. There will also be the chance to have a go at useful and fun activities like bicycle maintenance, theatre, food etc etc.

There will also be an exhibition by local artists(so any local artists out there are welcomed to contact us)

The evening do will be a cabaret affair at West Greenwich House with singers and comics and bopping. Many of you will remember the great evening we had there in March!

Currently we are contacting artists andperformers and applying f r financial support from Greenwich Arts Council. The open day is a big project and we would very much welcome people who wuold like to help us make it a success.

Look for more updates in the next newsletter.



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BLACKOUT -

NEW YORK,LONDON,GREENWICH

It may be one of those million to one chances that two black lesbian and gay groups decide to produce its own publication,at the same time with the same title but separated by several thousand miles and the Atlantic ocean. BLACKOUT ,both London and New York versions are well worth a read. In Greenwich Blackout may mean somethong else. As a black gay man I would like to see the Greenwich centre set up a black gay group. How do you feel about this? What else could be done to serve black lesbians and gay men? Give me a ring at the Centre.

Our open meetings have been continuing throughout the summer with discussions of television programmes on pornography and card and board games with food and drink. We have a steady core of regulars and a couple of new people every time. This month's,October, is being organised by David and Wendy. There will be soup with baked potatoes and garlic bread.
This months special attraction will be a dyke video hot from the deserts of Nevada and not currently showing in the West End .
Miss this heart wrenching story at your peril!!!

FLOWER ARRANGING.

As advertised in the last newsletter we will be starting the follow up to last spring's highly successsful lesbian and gay studies course next month. The first meeting will be on Monday October 6th at the Centre at 7.30. Everyone who attended the other course is more than welcome as is anyone else who wants to talk about everything from flower arranging to basket weaving with a couple of lesbain and gay related topics thrown in!!

LESBIAN GROUP *MONDAY, 4TH OCT.*

A group of lesbians in the borough has decided to get together and form a new lesbian group to be called Lesbians In South East London. The group will meet at the Centre on Monday evenings from the first Monday in October, the 4th. The purpose is to form a social and coming out group for women of all ages in this part of South London alongside other groups such as Deptford Dykes and the newly formed South East London Lesbian Group in Catford.

Monday night at the Centre is to be Women Only and all the facilities will be available- refreshments, snooker and pool, darts, comfy chairs tv/video and music system.

Ideas for the group so far include making a video, having use of a minibus and going on outings both on Monday nights(To Martina's Women's Disco) and at weekends and holidays, getting speakers in, and maybe eventually setting up South London Lesbian Newsletter. Another idea being explored is establishing a monthly social/disco such as the one at Women at Red's.

We hope to make links with already existing lesbian groups locally and be aware of what is available by way of support, entertainment and activities for lesbians in outer London.

If you are interested please come along on the 4th or ring Julie, Sue or Maggie on 316 5954 between 2pm and 4pm daily. Come to:-
Third Floor, 17 Bowater Road, Westminster Industrial Estate, Woolwich, SE18 PHONE:- 316 5954 Monday eves.7pm-10pm

A QUESTION OF PREFERANCE

Unlike other animals human sex is far more a question of what we prefer rather than a question of instinct. Our preferances as lesbian & gay men may be extremely diverse or extremely narrow. Our preferances may be based on the image of the person we wish to encounter, sexual fantasies, prejudicies or a combination of the above. As a prelude to further research I am intreasted to hear who has a strong preferance toward people of there own or other races

Please contact Keith Trotman at G.L.G.C..

We are planning a jumble sale for November 1986- could we please have any jumble you don't want nearer to the time. If you ring the Centre on 316 5954 we will come round and collect all the jumble the day before in a van. If you want to help out in any way please let us Know the more the merrier!!!

CENTRE NEEDS

Have you any books, tapes, LP's that are about lesbian and gay issues or culture or stories you don't want? Or have you any games or toy's we could use that are in reasonable nick??
The Centre desperatly needs more equipment such as the above but we don't have unlimited funds so please be thoughtful and generous and donate your items for the benifit of all lesbians and gays and their children using the Centre.

ILEA'S UNDER 16 CLAUSE

Ever since the first lesbian and gay youth group organisation registered with the Inner London Education Authority in 1976 lesbian and gay youth groups who have registered have been forced to comply to a ruling which restricts the age they can cater for to 16 years.

This places many lesbian and Gay youth groups in a catch 22 situation of only being able to serve the over 16's while receiving phonecalls from individuals under this age who are clearly in a distressed about being lesbian and gay and in need of support. They have to adhere to the ruling or risk losing much needed funding from ILEA.

Surprisingly the under 16 clause has absolutely nothing to do with present British law. Present legislation was adopted on the advice of the then Cheif Educational Psycologist of ILEA, who stated that that young people were not in a position to make decisions about their sexuality/ sexual orientation before the age of sixteen.

Clearly the clause is discriminatory,"mainstream"youth groups are geared to meet the needs of heterosexual youth, yet they do not have to abide by any under 16 clause. These other groups can cater for young people from the ages of 11 Or 12.

Why is it that young people are allowed to decide that they are heterosexual & not that they are either lesbian or gay??

The under 16 clause is to be discussed in the next round of ILEA meetings in October/November. If you would like to make a comment/submission about the under 16's ruling please write to:- Jane Dixon, Specialist Youth Officer for Gay and Lesbian Young People, Room 441B, ILEA, County Hall, London SE1 7PB.

Your comment's & submissions would become part of a report to be discussed at the above meeting in October/November, for inclusion they have to be recieved no later than the 4th of October.

LESBIAN AND GAY YOUNG PEOPLE'S GROU

The South London Lesbian and Gay Youth Peoples Groupiis a social group for lesbian and gay young people under the age of 21. The group is holding it's Annual General Meeting on Wednesday the 15th of October from 7.30 onwards at the Bearsay Centre, 17 Brownhills Road, Catford, London SE6

Anyone interested in contributing to this meeting or joining the Managment Committee are welcome to attend. For further information phone 461-4112 Monday's 7-10pm

LESBIAN AND GAY RIGHTS IN GREENWICH COUNCIL

A group of lesbians and gay men in Greenwich got together to draw up a draft document on lesbian and gay rights in Greenwich in relation to the Council. We are printing the whole document as we would like to know what you think about it.

I) Greenwich Council has jad a committment to equal opportunities for lesbians and gay men on paper since 1982. As an expression of that commitment it funded a lesbian and gay centre in 1983.
In London we are now in a situation where over the past couple of years Labour controlled boroughs and the G.L.C. have made concrete steps to make their commitment to ending discrimination against lesbians and gay men a reality. The G.L.C. set up a working party which with wide public consultation drew up the Charter "Changing the world". They also funded a lesbian and gay centre for the whole of London. Several borough Councils have set up working parties and lesbian and gay units with full time paid workers to tackle changing their policies and practises(Lambeth,Lewisham,Camden and Haringey). Much can be learnt from the experience of Manchester Council who have led lesbian and gay rights in this area setting up and funding a local centre, establishing a lesbian and gay unit as part of an Equal Opportunities Unit and keeping lesbian and gay issues at the forefront of the Labour group's policies and practises.
It is time for this kind of commitment to be actively taken in Greenwich.

We ahve drawn up a list of what is necessary to concretise this Council's policy commitment:

- that Greenwich Council adopts and adapts the G.L.C. Charter to meet the needs of lesbians and gay men in Greenwich.
- that Greenwich Council publically acknowledges its commitment to lesbian and gay rights.
- that Greenwich Council creates a lesbian and gay unit,based in the Town Hall and parallel in scope and power to the Council's race , women's and disability units.

The unit should comprize of at least two gay men and two lesbians, with administrative support.

-that Greenwich Council establishes alesbian and gay working party or sub-committee preceded by full consultation with relevant community organisations.

-that Greenwich Council instigate a comprehensive department by department enquiry into the effects if its policies and practises on lesbains and gay men and makes the necessary changes and additions to these.

-that Greenwich Council -immediately establishes an esay access housing scheme for lesbains and gay men similar to that operated by the London Borough of Lewisham.

-immediately begins training on lesbian and gay issues available for all staff and councillors, obligatory for senior staff and majority group councillors.

-immediately starts to advertise specfic vacancies and the general availablity of jobs with the Council,in the lesbian and gay press.

We are preparing for using this document with the leader of the Council and various committees and the majority group in order to bring about the changes we want in Greenwich.

TOP PRESS STOP PRESS STOP PRESS

We heard yesterday that following a meeting between Bill Murphy,the Hair of our funding committee and the assistant chief executive, the go ahead has been given for proposals for two lesbian and gay posts to look into equal opportunities for lesbains and gay men in the Council. So in the (in)famous words of British Rail "WE'RE GETTING THERE". Our thanks to Bill Murphy for all the wok he is doing.

LESBIAN AND GAY PARENTING

There is to be a conference on the IIth of October I986 at the London Lesbian and Gay Centre.

Homosexual men and women have been involved in the care of children for a long time.However it is only more recently that this has become more closely scrutinised. Discussion about lesbians and gay men caring for children often brings up deeply held beliefs about'normality' and 'correct' family forms. Society's responses are often contradictory. On the one hand esbians loose custody of their children and gay resididential workers are sacked; and on the other hand some local authorities want lesbians and gay men to come forward as potential foster parents. This is clearly confusing for both workers and parents.

Very few social work training courses look at either gender or sexuality It is of little surprise that the'average'8qualified social worker will have large gaps of knowledge within these areas and may carry societys predudices which they understand as'common sense'. For social work to offer an adequate service to heterosexual and homosexual families and to children in local authorities care, it must begin to look at theory, policy and practice in relation to sexuality and childcare. At present we do not give a proper service to gay and lesbian adolescents in our care, nor to lesbian and gay parents(foster parents incl.) in the community.

In recent years gay men and lesbians in social work and in Nalgo have been working to place these discussions on the agenda. The National Lesbian and Gay Steering Commitee have planned a conference for all members involved in child-care provision, to be held in London on the IIth of October I986. We will be looking at; theories of sexual identity the law; legal developments; local authority policies; under 5's provision; residential care; fostering and adoption; training of social workers; social services provision for lesbian and gay youth.

The conferense is open to all who reconize the importance of these issues, however they define their sexuality. Numbers are however limited; pre-registration is important.

It is significant that this is a conferense organised by lesbians and gay men in Nalgo. For many of us it has needed the backing of our trade union to enable us to gain the strenth to put those professionalissues on the map.

----------DETAILS----------

Date: Saturday IIth October I986. Registration IOam.

Venue: London lesbian and Gay Centre, Cowcross Street, London WCI

Conference fee: £IO if sponsored by branch
£5 if not sponsored

Access: The Centre is wheelchair accessible, including the loos.

Signing: An interpreter for the deaf will sign the open meetings if requested,

Creche: A creche staffed by women will be available.
Food: There is a cafe and bar in the Centre.
Further information: Lesbian and Gay Parenting, c/o Camden Nalgo, New Town Hall, Euston Rd, London NWI.

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URGENT APPEAL!!!

GAY PROGRAMMING ON CHANNEL 4

The Lesbian and Gay Group of CPBF exists to monitor and lobby on the issue of the representation of lesbians and gay men in the media. It is a semi-autonomous group within the Campaign, which is working towards greater access, accountability and diversity and against bias and misrepresentation in the media.

Back in June the group held a conference entitled "Screened Out: lesbians, gay men and Channel 4". It was decided there to launch a nationwide campaign, urging all lesbians, gay men and others committed to gay liberation to exert pressure on Channel 4 to increase its output of gay programming and to introduce more gay characters and spokespeople and a greater gay awareness and perspective into mainstream programmes.

This has become more urgent in the light of signs that Channel 4 may be bending to pressure from Mary Whitehouse and her colleagues in response to the current season of gay films and the forthcoming series "Six of Hearts". The gay season has gone almost totally unpublicised by Channel 4, and Jeremy Isaacs (Channel 4 comptroller) is said to be nervously awaiting public reaction before deciding on the future of gay programming (which might include a magazine programme).

It is therefore of great importance that people, gay and heterosexual, write or phone Channel 4, supporting the programmes and asking for more. They need to know that there is widespread interest in the films - and asking for more will make sure that they don't become complacent, having "done" gay people. You don't have to reveal yourself as gay; in fact it will be all the better if they are approached by large numbers of overtly or apparently straight people. Channel 4 address: 60 Charlotte St, London W1, 01-631 4444.

You could also write to the TV Times (247 Tottenham Court Rd, London W1) asking them why the season wasn't highlighted by them as others are, and you can order the booklet the accompanies the series from Channel 4. You can also watch the programmes! - every Monday at 11 p.m. (when else?) till Oct.20. You could even write congratulating the two men responsible for the series - Richard Kirker and Mark Finch - they have fought hard and well to get the series transmitted. Write to them c/- CPBF and we will forward your letters.

Sometime in October delegates from the Lesbian and Gay Group are meeting with Jeremy Isaacs to discuss the future of gay programming on Channel 4. It will help our cause enormously if he has received a flood of letters and phonecalls. This is a really important juncture in the history of gay representation, which will have repercussions beyond Channel 4: the next target is the BBC, who will not want to be left behind if a gay series on their rival channel is seen to be a success.

If you or your group would like to join the campaign and be informed of the progress of the Lesbian and Gay Group, write to us at the above address. You might also like to comment on the new CPBF Media Manifesto, which is enclosed for your interest. (available from Centre.)

CAMPAIGN'S LESBIAN AND GAY GROUP

The lesbian and gay group now meetsregularly n the first Monday of each month. On October 6th we will be meeting to discuss the Channel 4 campaign and to prepare our case for the delegation who will be meeting with Jeremy Isaacs and other commissioning editors. One or both of the organisers of the gay film season will be present to reveal the story behind the season.

We will also discuss widening out the campaign to encompass the BBC. Will be held at NALGO headquarters, corner of Euston Road & Mabledon Place, London WCI, 6.30pm onwards.

CHANNEL FOUR SEASON

At the Centre we have a full selection of the programmes being shown on Channel 4's Eleventh hour Lesbian andGay Season. On video we have Silent Pioneers, On Gaurd, Bddies, The Times of Harvey Milk, Veronica 4 Rose plus other films such as The Killing of Sister George and The Naked Civil Servant.

EBONY

The black current affairs programme EBONY on Channel4 is going to feature the Black Lesbian and Gay Centre Project on it's show on the Friday the 26th of September. They've only got a small part in the programme so don't miss it!!

ROSH HASHANAH

HAPPY NEW YEAR

TO ALL OUR

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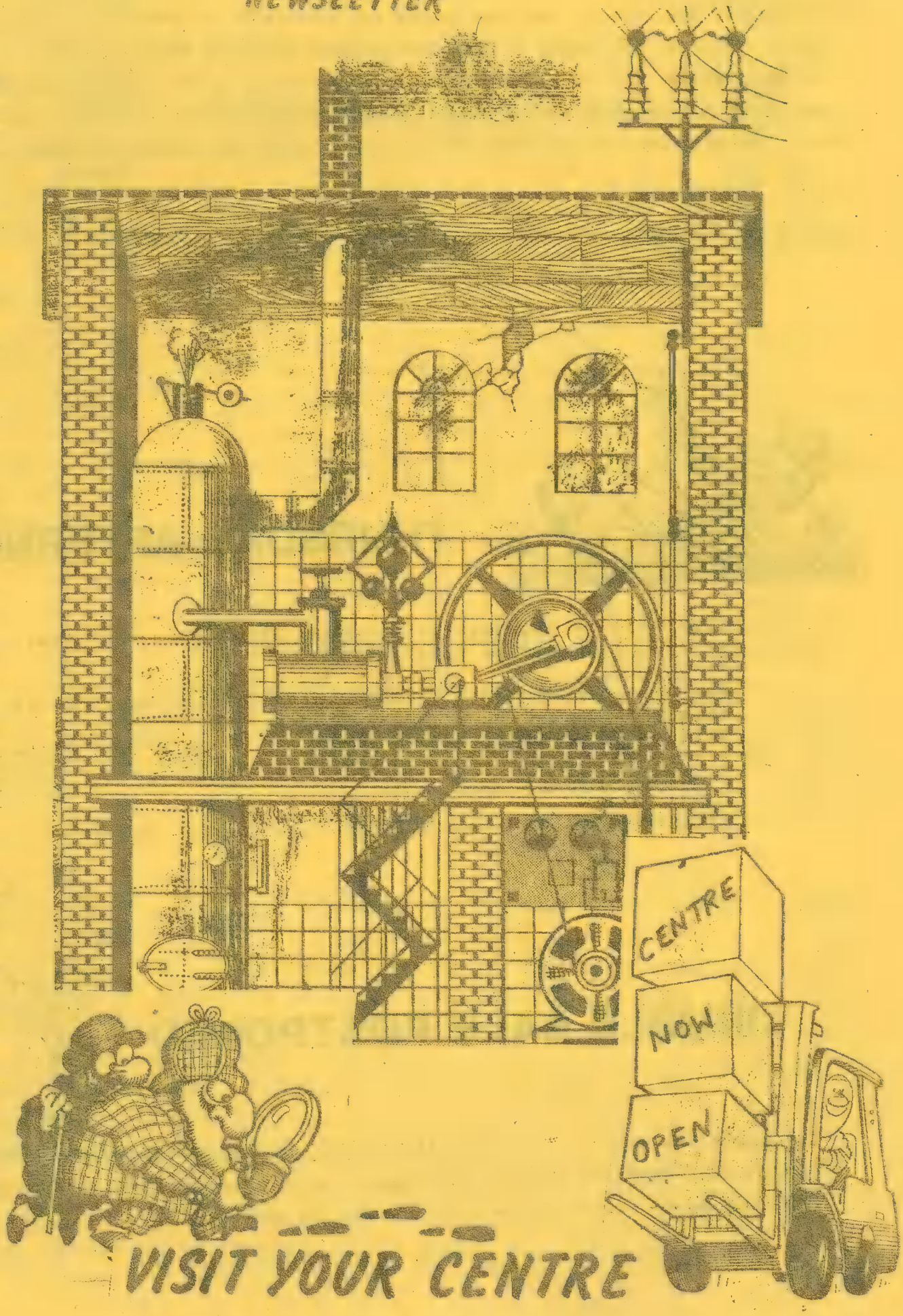
NOVEMBER

NEWSLETTER

GREENWICH LESBIAN AND & GAY CENTRE



VISIT YOUR CENTRE

OPEN MEETING MOVING

The workers have decided that due to the low turnout at our monthly business and social events at the centre to move back to West Greenwich House for these meetings. You may remember that our last meeting there we showed My Beautiful Laundrette and we had a turnout of thirty people. Novembers open meeting will still be at the centre and will let you know when we will have them at West Greenwich House.

This months Open Meeting is on Friday 7th November. Business startsat 6.30 (all welcome).Followed by A social starts at about 8.30 p.m . Refreshments provided.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

Nout doin on Thursday aftermoons? Is nothing happening in your life before EastEnders?

Why not come along to the Greenwich lesbian & Gay Centre between 1.00 and 5.30 p.m on Thursdays.
Relax, Have A Chat, Listen To Music, Watch Videos Or T.V. Play Pool , Snooker, Darts, Board Games,Or Pick Up A Book From Our Library.

AFTERNOON TEA AT G.L.G.C. RING 316-5954 FOR DETAILS.

JUMBLE SALE POSTPONED

The jumble sale has had to be cancelled due to a mix with West Greenwich House. We will still have one but not until January or February. So keep collecting yours and anyone else's jumble ready for the big event.

OPEN AFTERNOON

INVITATION INVITATION

On November 5th from 2.00 till 5.00 the centre will be open to the public. We have invited the press,radio and television,local councillors,members of our management committee,people who have helped and supported the centre over the last two years and us,the workers. There will be a small buffet and drink,and hopefully an exhibition. The afternoon is primarily for the press to see the centre photograph it and talk to local councillors etc, but any memeber of the group who wants to come along is more than welcome. On Saturday November 22nd we are having an open day at the centre which will be for lesbians and gay men only (with no press!). See other article for details.

OPEN DAY

On Saturday November 22nd we are having an open day at the centre. The day will start at 10am with a workshop for bicycle maintainence,so if you have a bike and want to mend it or just clean it up come along. This will finish at 12am when there will be lunch cooked at the centre - any volunteers please come early or phone us. At 2.00 there will be a theatre workshop open to anyone whether you have ever done one or not, run by Jane of Outcast theatre group which will last till 4.00 Throughout the day there will be an exhibition on show,videos available to watch, the pool table to play on, the dart board up,lots of literature and people around to talk to.

Previously we have only been open on a Thursday afternoon so this is your chance to come and have a look at the centre,meet other people who also get this newsletter and to join in the workshops if you want to. We would very much like to meet you.

There will be a creche, at the centre for the day for o-9year olds so bring your children.

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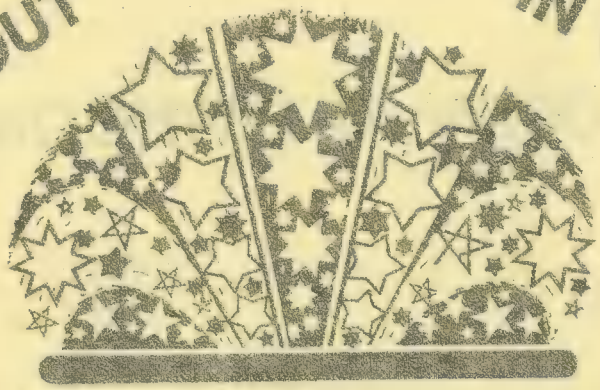
A NIGHT OUT IN GREENWICH



After the open day at the centre on 22nd November we are organising an evening of entertainment at West Greenwich House. The evening will include a women's disco, hopefully Biddie doing songs and cabaret and another performer. Gill is currently negoiating with several people. For those of you who were at the benefit in March you will remember that it was a great evening with good entertainment and it was also a financial success. So come along on Saturday 22 November at 8.00 till late to West Greenwich House,Greenwich High St,SE 10. Buses 53,177 and British Rail Greenwich. Entrance will be £2.00 and £1.50 (unwaged/student).

MINIBUS

At a recent meeting of the community affairs committee which funds the centre we successfully applied for a grant to help us get a minibus. The centre is badly placed for transport and is intimidating to come to at night so we felt that it was imperative that we had transport of our own so that we could pick people up and take them home. We will probably not see a bus for at least a couple of months but in the meantime the workers are looking into driving lessons so that we will be ready when a bus arrives. At the same meeting we made it known to the Council that we want them to start looking for new premises for us. The current ones are too small,not accessible as a drop in centre and not in a popular area of the borough. We have talked about it at the last business meeting and those members of themanagement and the group that were present agreed to start looking for new premises. The minibus will still obviously be usefull whenever and whereever we get them.

LESBIAN GROUP

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for details MONS 7-10 p.m.

The group has been running for three weks and so far the turn-out has been slow but sure. We mainly chat, play snooker and pool, watched 'November Moon' on video last week and one week a group of us went off to Martina's disco in Vauxhall when the group finished. We usually pop over the pub afterwards for a drink and a chat.

LESBIAN & GAY PARENTING GROUP

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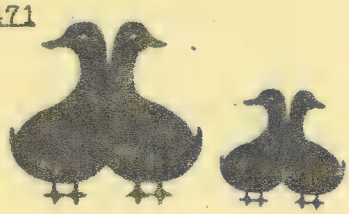
LONDON LESBIAN AND GAY CENTRE, 69 COWCROSS ST, tel. 608 1471

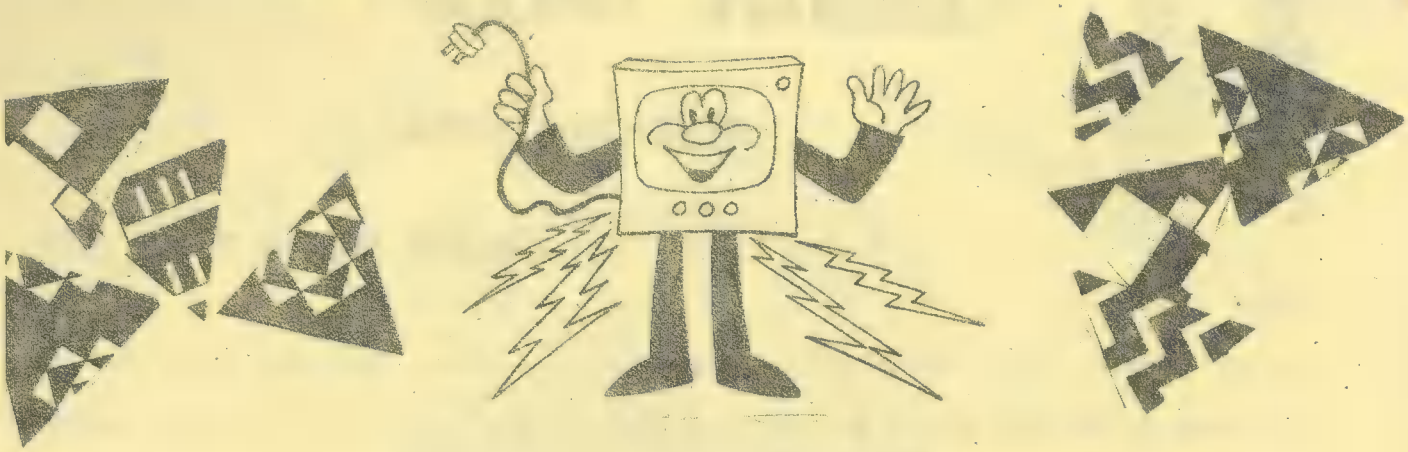
Organised by Linda Edwards and Alex Smith (692 8565)



Meetings are held 2.00-4.00pm. on the following Sundays.

Date	Topic	Speaker
26.10.86	Legal aspects/custody	Gill Butler, Solicitor
30.11.86	Artificial Insemination by donor (A.I.D.)	Pregnancy Advisory Service
25. 1.87	Adoption and Fostering	from Social Services
22.02.87	AIDS	Magella, Terence Higgins Trust
29.03.87	Birth	Nicky Lean, Radical Midwife
26.04.87	Co-parenting/lifestyles	various speakers
31.05.87	Children at school - being out	from Lesbian Mothers
28.06.87	Talking to our children	various speakers

TELEVISION NIGHTS IN !!



☆ Some good viewing for the winter months ahead include 'Consenting Adult'- a play about a young man with AIDS, set in America, could be a bit soap operary!?

☆ Starting on Saturday the I5th of November at the even later time of II.45 on Channel 4 , The six part series called'Six of Hearts', which is six very different stories about gay and lesbian lifestyles.

☆ In the mini series 'More to Heads Than Talking' on Channel Four in December they will also be showing the video'Revenge of the Teenage Perverts'.

☆ Needless to say we've got them taped for reference at the Centre, so come in and have a look!!

THE LIVES & LOVES OF A SHE DEVIL.

Has every one else been glued to their sets on wednesdays for this five part brilliant series where women come out on top and are the the real stars. Miriam Margolyes, famous for 'Gertrude Stein and Companion' and various voice-overs on TV commercials is featured in two episodes. Three down two to go, if any one has videod the series could they let us know at the Centre. The series is based on the book of the same name by Fay Weldon.

NOTICE BOARD

Have you anything you want to sell, cars, bicycle, Teddy bear, board games, books, videos, T.V.s, records,tapes or anything else you can think of. Maybe you have a flat or room to let or a flat share. Send thardetails of anything you wish to sell or buy to the Greenwich Lesbian & Gay Centre and we will place an Ad in the G.L.G.C. Newsletter.

ACCOMADATION

We have had two offers of rooms in flats to let. One of them is in a women's flat and the other is in a gay man's. Both of them are in SouthEast London. If you are interested please ring us at the centre between 2 and 4 and we will give you more details.

FOR SALE

Volkswagon Beetle 1303
1974 - M Reg
Colour--Bright Yellow
Many Extras-Radio,
Louvre Windows, Etc.
Exellent Condition,
Very Reliable.
One year Tax & MOT

PRICE £950

RING 850-0675

FOR SALE

Datsun 100A 988cc
1977- R Reg
Colour Green
Very Economical,Low Milage.
Body Work-Slighty Tatty
Six Months MOT

PRICE-£275 o.n.o.

RING- 850-0675

HUNGRY ?

Living,working or shopping in Lewisham? There is a new vegitarian cafe and coffee shop opened on Lee high Road.: "THE COFFEE SHAC". Apart from the friendly atmosphere, they sell lots of Indian veggy food,cheesa cakes galore fresh coffee and fresh orange juice. The prices are very reasonable with the cheapest hot baked potatoes south of the river. So why not drop in to no.39 Lee High Road open from 9.oo till 7.00.

THE STAFF OF THE GREENWICH LESBIAN & GAY CENTRE DO NOT EXAMINE THE ITEMS FOR SALE ON THIS PAGE & CANNOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR THERE CONDITION BEFORE OR AFTER PURCHASE.

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GREENWICH LESBIAN AND GAY CENTRE

DECEMBER / JANUARY NEWSLETTER

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EVENING OUT

On Friday I9th December we will be meeting at the Bell Haddo St, Greenwich for a pre-holiday drink and get together. We have checked with the pub and there will only be a disco on the night(no offensive drag acts).There is a midnight license so come along any time after 9.00 and have a drink and a chat. See you there.

OPEN MEETINGS

Our next open meeting will be on February 6th (Friday) at 6.30 at West Greenwich House, Greenwich High Road.
On January 9th we will have a managemnet committee meeting at Wendy8s fom 7.00 to deal with any business. Ring the centre for more details.

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LESBIAN GROUP.

This group will continue to meet over Christmas and the New Year on Monday nights from 6-9 followed by drinks at the Thames Barrier 9-10.30 round the corner. ALL LESBIANS WELCOME.

LESBIAN NIGHT OUT.

Saturday 20th December:
7.00 Meet at Euston Station(at the top of the escalators inside) for a meal at Diyani's on Drummond ST. Followed by
9.30 Meet at Farringdon Tube for a lesbian disco (9-2) at the London Lesbian and Gay Centre, 67-69 Cowcross St.
ALL LESBIANS WELCOME.

LESBIAN GAMES AFTERNOON

Monday 29th December 3-9. An afternoon of games folowed by the regular evening group. Bring food and drink to share plus any games or videos; ideas so far include Trivial Pursuits,Scruples,Scrabble.
ALL LESBIANS WELCOME.

POSSIBLE EASTER LESBIAN WEEK AWAY.

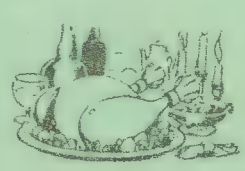
We are looking into funding a week away at easter in one of the women's houses in Wales, Glastonbury or York. If you are interested please contact Maggie at the centre on 3I6 5954 Monday 6-9 or drop in at the lesbain group.

GLGC. (3rd floor) I7 BOWATER ROAD SE I8. Tel: 3I6 5954.

LESBIAN GROUP

Meets Mondays 6÷9.00 at the Centre, Third floor, I7 Bowater Road, Westminster Industrial Estate, Woolwich, SEI8.We move onto the pub up the road, the Thames Barrier from 9.00pm onwards. The group offers social support, advice, laughs and a place to chat and meet other lesbians in the area. Resourses available include pool, darts, games, TV And videos, magazines and books to browse through.Ring 3I6 5954 for more details and information and ask for Maggie.

LESBIAN NIGHT OUT



Lesbians in the above group are organising a night out to the London Lesbian and Gay Centre 'Below Stairs' women only disco on December 20th, which is a Saturday. The group and all other lesbians are going to go for a meal first , near Farringdon tube. If you are interested and want to come please give the Centre a ring and get some more details. The Disco runs from 9.00-2.00. Taxi's being arranged to get us back.

WOMEN AT REDS

Next Wednesday the I0th of December, 'Women AT Reds' are putting on a benefit for NALGO women who are on strike in Lewisham. All women welcome to the disco which is being held at Women at Reds, Lewisham Labour Club, Limes Grove, Lewisham(opposite Bejams in the High Street) The disco is on from 8.oo-I200pm and there is a bar upstairs in the club.

LESBIAN SOCIAL AND MIXED SOCIAL

Once a month as of the New Year we hope to have a lesbian and gay mixed social running fortnightly on Fridays at the Haddo Hall, Haddo Estate, Greenwich SEIO. THe events would run from 7.00 to IO.30pm and you would have to bring your own drink as there is no licensed bar in the premises. We are hoping to provide safe transport and a creche facility for the socials. More details next newsletter.

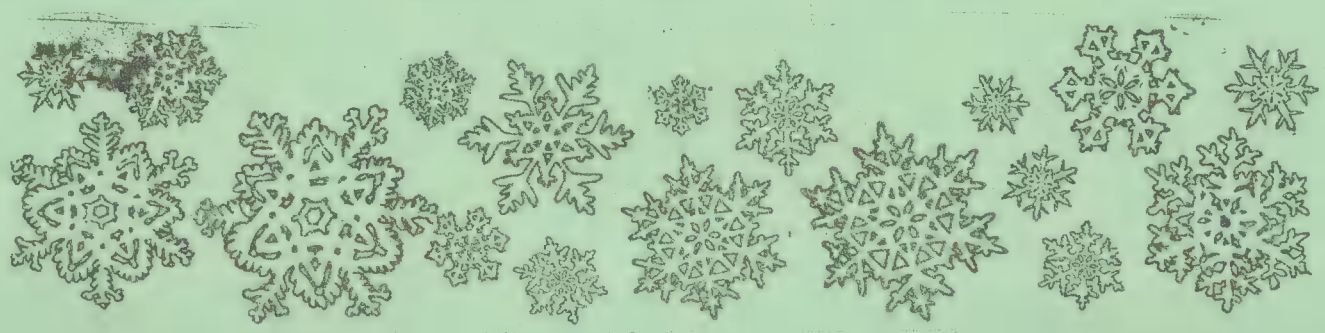
The lesbian social is being organised by the Monday group.

MELTING POT

In the Borough there is a womens training project which wants to liase with various womens community groups in the Borough and to produce produce a womens newsletter. This would go out once a month and could possibly be a free-paper, it would contain listins, articles and thints of interest. We are hoping to be involved in it's production and will be putting lesbian imput into the magazine. If any of our lesbian readers is interested too, please get in touch soon and we will put you in contact with the project workers.

NEW WOMEN CLUB

The Outdoor - newwomens club starts next Wednesday(IOth) at Goldsmiths Tavern(upstairs), New Cross Road,SEI4. For £I, ther'll be a disco, occasional cabaret and bar opening from 9.00 right through till 2.00pm BR-New Cross/ New Cross Gate, buses 36, 36a, I77, 53,



ADVERTS

Large double room available in mixed house in Lewisham. Please phone the centre (3I6 5954 from 2-4) for futher details.

P.A.C.E.

Project for Advice,Counselling and Education at the London Lesbian and Gay Centre, 69 Cowcross Street , EC I.

ADVICE SESSIONS: Drop in,every Wednesday 6-8pm Free.
For information on Housing,Social security,wills etc.

WOMEN'S YOGA CLASS : Drop in every Friday 6.30-8.I5 Free.
Till I7 December.

MEN'S YOGA CLASS: Drop in every Tuesday till I6 December.
6.I5-7.I5. Free.

For more details contact PACE on 256 2689.

OPENDAY OPEN DAY

On November 22nd we had an open day at the centre from I0 till 4.00. It was a success!! In the morning we ahd a bicycle workshop to which three of us brought our bikes and had them done over by Colin who kindly taught us how to clean,repair and maintain our bikes. David spent half the morning in the kitchen producing Italian food for lunch. After lunch we had a drama workshop which was very well attended and led by Jane from Outcast. Throughout the day various people dropped in to look at the centre to talk to the workers and to meet other lesbian and gay people. Altogether it was a good day and definitly something which we will repeat in the spring.

LESBIAN CONSULTATION

There was a meeting of lesbians and gay men held in Lewisham at Riverdale Hall on Thursday 4th December to discuss money's available in the Borough for this year and the next one.

Because of the strike by NALGO in Lewisham , meaning that publicity coud'nt go out about the meeting and lesbians and gay men in NALGO coud'nt attend as the meeting was held on Council Property, which th they have been barred from using, it was felt the meeting should be postponed until January when these things could be rectified.

The evening was not all in vain however as it was a good oppurtunity to meet various women from the area and also talk to Heide from the Lesbian and Gay Unit in Haringay, who had come to tell us about the Unit, it'S setting up and organisation.

An idea that came out of the evening was to put on a social monthly so that lesbians in Lewisham who either live or work in the Borough can get together.

The next meeting is going to be in J anuary, look in next newsletter for more details.

DIARY

At the Albany Empire,Douglas Way,Deptford, from December I0th till I3th BLOOLIPS will be performing their new show. The show is an Xmas cabaret called Slung Back and Strapless. Tickets are Wed. eve. and Thurs. mat.£3.50 (£2 unwaged), Thurs-Sat. £5(£3.50) Members £I off. Some of us are going on Friday so if you want to come too please ring the centre first.

Police Sub-Committee Support Unit

LONDON BOROUGH OF GREENWICH

Survey of Police Responses to calls

Recently residents in your area have expressed their concern at the lack of police cover and slow response to calls made by them.

In order that we may have evidence to back-up these complaints I would be grateful if you would complete an incident form in as much detail as possible, whenever you have cause to contact the police. We wish also to know of incidents which you thought to be police matters but for one reason or another did not contact the police.

This survey will be carried out over the next

LYNN PATTERSON, POLICE SUB-COMMITTEE SUPPORT UNIT
Tel: 854 8888 Ext. 2051

1 Name: _____

Address: _____

_____

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Please give your full Postcode and NOT just the Postal District

NB If you do not wish to disclose your name and address, please just give your FULL POSTCODE

2 Date of Incident: _____

3 Details of Incident: _____

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Please tick

YES	NO

4 Did you inform the Police?

5 If the answer is no, please give your reasons for not doing so. If yes, please answer the questions at 6 onwards.

6 Was this a 999 call or a routine call?

7 If it was not a 999 call, what Police Station did you ring?

8 What time did you ring the Police?

9 What time did they arrive?

Please tick

YES	NO

10 Did you have difficulty in contacting the Police?

11 If the answer is YES please give details.

Please tick

YES	NO

12 Were you satisfied with the way in which the incident was dealt with?

13 If the answer is NO, explain why you were not satisfied.

Please tick

YES	NO

14 Were you contacted further regarding the incident?

15 If the answer is YES, please give details

16 Any other comments

Thank you for your co-operation PLEASE RETURN THIS FORM TO:

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